JOHN BULL DECEMBER 8, 1934

TWOPENCE.
Vol. LVI.
1486.

CORONER'S JURY: AMAZING SCANDAL SEE PAGE 9

JOHN BULL

He used to be so popular!

At one time a prince of good fellows—now nobody wants him around. But is it so surprising? His sense of humour seems to have forsaken him—he's always nervy and irritable. It's easy to get that way once youth is past. If digestion is bad and you can't sleep, no wonder you're always tired. Under-nourished nerves are the root of the trouble nine times out of ten—and the surest remedy for such a condition is Wincarnis. A glass of this fine old tonic wine two or three times a day will soon put you right—give you back your old perspective. Wincarnis creates rich new blood to soothe and nourish tired nerves, makes you sleep soundly, gives you reserves of energy to stand up to work and worry.

● Wincarnis is simply a pure delicious wine reinforced with the energising vitamins, the nerve-building and tonic properties of malt and beef extracts. Wincarnis has been proved by over 20,000 recommendations from doctors to be a most effective remedy for all run down conditions and nervous complaints. 3/3 and 5/6 from wine merchants, licensed grocers and chemists. Get a bottle to-day. You'll feel the benefit with your very first glass.

Could not sleep—now "in the pink"

"I have been away 16 months with worry and depression at Hospital and when I was discharged I had no confidence in myself. My nerves always seemed to be on work and I could not sleep. But since taking Wincarnis I feel in the pink."

Wilfred F——, Lancs.

A _Doctor's Opinion_

"The growing strain of modern life makes the need of a tonic increasingly evident, and Wincarnis, with its blood-creating properties added to the stimulant effect which a tonic should possess, is one of the best and safest I know. Its use is particularly indicated in cases of sleeplessness, nervous disorders, anæmia, and run down conditions generally, while for convalescing after influenza or other illnesses I have found it invaluable."

G. G—, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P.S.

FREE—4½d. in stamps (for postage, etc.) will bring you a generous sample from the makers, Coleman & Co., Ltd., Dept. 102, Wincarnis Works, NORWICH.

WINCARNIS
THE WINE OF LIFE

OVER 20,000 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM DOCTORS

A NEW RECORD WIRELESS BARGAIN

My wonderful range of 1935 Wireless Sets are far in advance of all others, and much lower in price. Ready to switch on, and Carriage Paid. Send a P.C. for Free Catalogue.

For only £3-10s CASH or EASY TERMS

Write now for lists.

Chas. F. Roberts Ltd. WIRELESS WAREHOUSE, Dep. D. COVENTRY

UNBELIEVABLE OFFER! Everybody obtains this MINORETTA ACCORDION Absolutely FREE!

This popular minor model instrument with a full scale of notes reproducing popular tunes is given absolutely FREE to every purchaser of 15 3-hole type, 100% Sheffield "Double Life" Razor Blades at 1/-, post and packing 6d. This is another of our stupendous advertising "stunts" to popularise our famous blades. Simply send 1/6 now to receive your Minoretta Accordion and 15 Blades. No waiting. Sent per return. Nothing more to pay. Money refunded if blades are not equal to any 4d. blade obtainable, or Gift not approved of.

AIRCRAFT PRODUCTS LTD. (Dept. A.J.15), 69, New Oxford Street, London, W.C.1. (Opposite Glaves.)

ARTOLEUM

TRADE MARK

IN ROLLS OF 108 sq. ft. for 15/- 2/- 29

Carr. Paid England and Wales. Scotland 1/- extra. Supersedes Linoleum at a fraction of the cost. Rot proof and damp proof. Ideal for covering wood or stone floors. Made for hard wear. Send P.C. for Patterns and samples (post free) or order at once stating colour required. Sent C.O.D. if desired at additional cost of 9d. roll. Money back guarantee if not delighted. Great range of patterns. All Rolls 2 yds. wide.

FREE With every roll we give you absolutely FREE one lovely Floor Mat, size 36 in. by 18 in.

A. C. CORFE (Dept. J.B.), 182, HIGH ROAD, WOOD GREEN, N.22.

ALL RUBBER UTILITY BOOT

WATERPROOF. WARM. For all engaged in wet or mud, garden, golf, fishing: an ideal all-weather boot. Thick flexible rubber uppers, with a thick hard-wearing rubber sole; moulded in one piece; waterproof tongue to top; impossible for water to penetrate when ankle deep.

Cosily lined throughout with warm thick fleece. Most comfortable and warm, and suitable for men or women. Sizes 6 to 11.

7/9 Post 9d. or C.O.D.

MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

NUTTALL, 1, GOODMAYES, ILFORD.

BATH'S

SAVE MONEY *Write for Bath's* COLOURED CATALOGUE together with hundreds of Garden Hints FREE.

Free Delivery by Lorry or Rail

All Bath's Buildings have GALVANISED STEEL BRACED CORNERS

Heating Apparatus from 32/6.

Garden Frames from 13/6

Poultry Houses from 25/-, or 3/- down

Wood, Asbestos and All Steel Motor Houses from £5, or 4/- down

Greenhouses from 67/6 or 2/6 down

Huts from 15/6, or 2/- down

BATH'S 2-7, SOUTHAMPTON ST., STRAND, LONDON, W.C.2.

FOR A FEW MORE DAYS

Full-Size Bedspread genuinely GIVEN with these GIANT BALES OF BEDDING.

To introduce ourselves to you, the finest possible 20/- Bale of Bedding was made up—then a full-size Bedspread added as a genuine gift.

Send now for your Bale, your Free Gift, and details of other amazing bargains in home needs.

- 3 Woolly Blankets, size 70 x 90
- 2 Twill Sheets (approx.) 70 x 90
- 1 Large D'd'red Table Cl. 54 x 54
- 2 Full-size Pillow Slips
- 1 Full size Bolster Case
- 1 Full-size Wadded Quilt

20/- POST FREE and Full-size bedspread FREE

Our Guarantee—Money returned without question if you don't agree this is the finest bargain bale ever!

HOME NEEDS, LTD., (Dept. J.), Tipping Street, Cannon Street, Manchester.

JOHN BULL'S SHOP WINDOW
Order Now for Xmas

MORE GUARANTEED BARGAINS ON PAGES 3 AND 4

Test for 1 Month

and you will be absolutely convinced that the VIBRAPHONE is the best-by-test of all appliances for the relief of

DEAFNESS

So revolutionary is the principle of the Vibraphone that it has gone from success to success in every country of the world. Quite safe, non-electrical, practically invisible. No batteries, or wires, or any other attachments. Used by professional men. Write, 'phone or call for Booklet and details of 30-Day Trial Offer. VIBRAPHONE Co., 14, Triumph House, 189, Regent Street, London, W.1. Tel.: Regent 5630. Consultations 9 till 6.

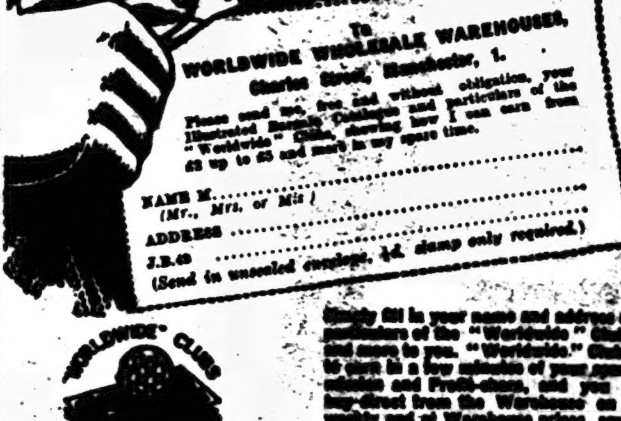
ORCHESTRAL PIANO ACCORDIONS ON THE EASIEST OF EASY TERMS

10-GN. MODEL FOR £4. 12. 6

Magnificent White Nacrolaque Body. 16-Fold Metal Bound Bellows. Finest Steel Reeds. Complete with Shoulder Strap. 21 Piano Keys. 8 Basses. Send only 5/- Deposit. Balance payable 7/6 Monthly, until 92/6 is paid. Write for Fully Illustrated Catalogue of Models with 25 Keys 12 Bass, 25 Keys 24 Bass, 34 Keys 48 Bass—41 Keys 120 Bass, Etc., Etc. All on equally attractive terms.

J. A. DAVIS & CO. (Dept. J.B. 10), 94-104, DENMARK HILL, LONDON, S.E.5.

CUT THIS OUT... it can mean at least £2 TO YOU!



To WORLDWIDE WHOLESALE WAREHOUSES, Charles Street, Manchester, 1.

Please send me, free and without obligation, your Illustrated Bargain Catalogue and particulars of the "Worldwide" Clubs, showing how I can earn from £2 up to £5 and more in my spare time.

NAME M. ....

(Mr., Mrs., or Miss)

ADDRESS ....

J.B.49 ....

(Send in unsealed envelope. ½d. stamp only required.)

Simply fill in your name and address on the Coupon and post it for full particulars of the "Worldwide" Clubs—it can mean from £2 up to £5 and more to you. "Worldwide" Clubs are a happy opportunity for you to earn in a few minutes of your spare time each week a good Commission and Profit-share, and you also benefit your friends—they buy direct from the Warehouse on the very simple terms of 1/- weekly and at Warehouse prices, saving them from 5/- to 10/- in the £.

Don't miss this opportunity, which many thousands enjoy—add to your income at the friendliest hobby in the world. Easy, pleasant and profitable—no samples to carry or selling to do; no experience or capital required. POST THE COUPON TO-DAY FOR FULL PARTICULARS! Illustrated Bargain Catalogue free—Boots and Shoes, Ladies' and Men's Wear, Fashions, Furniture, Crockery and Household Goods of every description at 1/- weekly and Warehouse Prices.

"WORLDWIDE" CLUBS THE HOBBY THAT PAYS

Associated Warehouses—J. D. Williams & Co. Ltd., of Manchester, established 1875. British to the Backbone—60 years' reputation for honourable dealings and sending over 3,000,000 parcels and packets annually. Directors: E. C. & W. P. WILLIAMS

WORLDWIDE WHOLESALE WAREHOUSES Charles Street, MANCHESTER, 1.

BANISH THE TORTURE OF

"NERVES"

Every sufferer from "nerves" should get my absorbingly interesting book describing an inexpensive home-treatment for Weak Nerves, Depression, Morbid Fears, Insomnia, Self-Consciousness, and similar nervous disorders. Sent free in sealed envelope. Write now and you will be delighted to learn how easily you can conquer your nervous fears!

Genuine Testimonials:

"Such a unique and valuable course is worth its weight in gold."

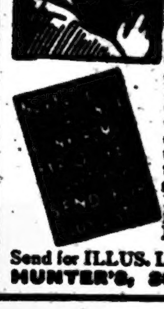
"It is really marvellous how my fears have all vanished—they were so firmly established and of such a dreadful nature."

"Since taking this course I have never looked back. I could thrill with the sheer joy of living."

HENRY J. RIVERS (Dept. J.B. 11) 40, Lamb's Conduit St., London, W.C.1

AMAZING FUN AT WINTER PARTIES!

Why not do a turn over the wireless YOURSELF?



HOME MICROPHONE

You speak or sing in one room—your voice comes over the radio in another. Break unexpectedly into broadcasting and make your own comments through the loudspeaker. Easy to connect—fits any set. Complete with 15ft. flex and full instructions. Post Free 5/-

DE LUXE MODEL microphone in ring, mounted on stand 12/6

Send for ILLUS. List of 150 NOVELTIES & JOKES.

HUNTER'S, 304, Edgware Road, W.2.

2/6 THORNS SHEDS Complete! 3/- GREENHOUSES

No half measures about Thorns construction! Planed, fully prepared timber, "Strongium" steel banding, mortised and tenoned doors and windows, shaped gable boards and turned finials. All sectional, easy to erect with bolts, nuts, glass and everything supplied.

Fully guaranteed for Cash or on Confidential Terms. Write to-day for FREE Catalogue No. 46

SPAN ROOF GARDEN SHEDS

Long.	Wide.	High.	Cash Price.	Deposit.	Mthly
6ft.	4ft.	6 ft.	£1 15 0	3/6	3/2
8ft.	5ft.	6½ft.	£2 15 0	4/-	4/11
10ft.	7ft.	6½ft.	£3 15 0	6/9	7/-

Post Roof Sheds 30/-, Garages 70/-, GREENHOUSES from £2 10s., GARDEN FRAMES from 15/-, HEATING APPARATUS from £2 5s. Delivered Free or Carr. Paid in England and Wales.

J. THORN & SONS LTD Box 46, Brampton Rd. Bexleyheath, Kent. 'Phone: Bexleyheath 305 (3 lines). Founded 1896.

MAKERS STARTLING OFFER

British Made Reversible WRINGER & MANGLE 12/-

Amazing Bargain

16in. x 2¼in. Hard wood rollers, strong gear action. Only combined Wringer & Mangle at this price. Unbreakable. Will give long and satisfactory service. Over 50,000 already sold. Complete with FREE Stand. Carriage 1/9. 12/-

Rubber Roller Wringer. 16in. x 1¾in. Rollers. Guaranteed 5 years. With FREE Stand 14/-. Carriage 1/9. With 16in. x 2in. Rollers, guaranteed 10 yrs., with free stand, 17/6. Carr. 1/9.

FREE! On all orders we will give FREE this rigid Folding Wringer Stand value 4/-.

Send to-day to Actual Makers:

Domestic Industries, Dept. 113, Eclipse Works, [illegible] Pl., Stockwell, S.W.9.

10/- SINGLE Postage 4d. In Silk Elastic 17/-

15/- DOUBLE Postage 4d. In Silk Elastic 24/-

We could fill this whole page with letters of appreciation received from customers since we introduced these Wonderful Rupture Appliances. Consisting of a strong elastic body band fitted with soft unobstructable rubber pads, velvet covered, they are without doubt the most wonderful appliances on the market to-day. Send your P.O. at once stating size round body and whether left, right or double rupture.

A Customer writes:—After trying different makes, some very expensive, I find your appliance the best and most comfortable. *Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.*

LONDON SURGICAL COMPANY (Dept. B21), Craven House, 121, Kingsway, London, W.C.2

THE "WONDER" BEDDING BALE £1

CARRIAGE PAID

No. SB 51 2 P

All British and Double Bed Size 1 Heavy Quality Floral Quilt, 1 Pair Heavy Grey Twill Sheets, 1 Pair Fleecy Cotton Blankets, 1 Pair Pillow Cases, 1 Jaspe Bedspread. The Quilt and Bedspread can be supplied in Blue, Rose, Gold, Green or Gold. Please state colour when ordering. This marvellous value cannot be equalled elsewhere. Send ORDER AND CASH TO-DAY.

HAVE YOU ANY FRIENDS who would like to save money? They can purchase anything they require from England's largest Mail Order House and you can earn large Commission. Send a postcard NOW for our Scheme to:—

THE GREAT UNIVERSAL STORES LTD. (Dept. 180), [illegible] Street, Ardwick, Manchester.

"AIRCRAFT" Shockproof WATCH

With Wristlet Bracelet FREE. Send 1/- NOW

for this world-renowned "AIRCRAFT" shockproof watch. Handsome Chromium plated case. Fitted with famous Aircraft non-magnetic, shock-and-vibration-proof movement. Silver Chrome dial or Plain Luminous. Swiss jewelled movement. Fitted with recoil spring to prevent over-winding. 10 years' written guarantee. Lies flat and neat on wrist. Timed to a minute a month. Send 1/- now. If to satisfaction, forward 2/6 within 7 days and 2/6 or more fortnightly until only 18/- in all is paid. Cash price 16/6. Superior model with unbreakable glass, 22/6: same terms. [illegible] to Purchasers.—Latest fashion Gent's brand U.S.A. pattern adjustable Wristlet Chromium Bracelet. On and off in 2 seconds. 7 Jewelled Chrome Dome Pocket Model, 25/6, same terms. Ladies' Solid Silver Model (with Free Gift of Solid Silver Bracelet), same price and terms. Immediate Dispatch.

AIRCRAFT PRODUCTS LTD. (Dept. J.B.A.17), 69, New Oxford Street, London, W.C.1. (Opposite Glaves.)

Christmas is near!

CONVERT YOUR RADIO TO A QUALITY RADIO-GRAM

Make your pleasure complete this Xmas. Simple to fit. Supplied complete with volume control, connecting leads, pick-up, rest and book of instructions. 7 days' free trial. Money refunded if dissatisfied. From your local dealer, or direct—send postal order or cheque, or we will send Pick-Up post paid C.O.D.

COSMOCORD PICK-UP .. 15/- Please write for Free Booklet.

COSMOCORD LTD. ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX

"THEY LAUGHED AT FIRST

but when I began to play—a hush fell upon the room. I played the first few bars of Beethoven's immortal 'Moonlight Sonata.' My friends sat spellbound. When the last note died away, the excitement on their faces! 'Who was your teacher?' 'How do you get that lovely singing tone?'" I receive similar letters daily from students of MY POSTAL LESSONS for the PIANO who started without knowing a note. The same delightful experience can be yours. Whether you start at middle age or youth, I'LL MAKE YOU PLAY [illegible] beyond your dreams. I am teaching 150 adult pupils every week and have taught 40,000 during 30 years, over 2,000 [illegible] I CAN TEACH YOU. Ordinary musical notation only used (no freak methods), enabling you to read and play at sight any standard musical composition. SEND p.c. for FREE book and advice. Say Advanced, Moderate, Elementary or Beginner.

Mr. H. BECKER (Dept. 381), 69, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4.

SEND NO MONEY

You can play this delightful Banjo with very little practice with the aid of our Free Lightning Tutor. Specially made with Brass Fretted Finger Board, Nickel Flanges, Patent Pegs, Sweet & Mellow Tone. Send your name and address on a postcard for immediate Free Delivery. If satisfactory you pay 1/6 on receipt and 1/6 fortnightly until 12/9 is paid, or full cash in one payment, 11/9 only

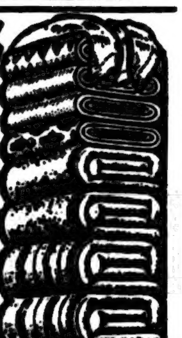
30/- VALUE FOR 11/9

A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY

The "Tennessee" Real Ukulele Banjo Write for fully Illustrated Musical List.

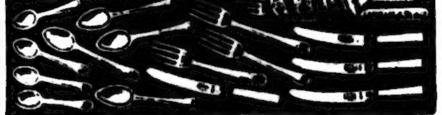
J. A. DAVIS & Co. (J.B.123), 94-104, Denmark Hill, London, S.E.5.

GRAVES



'LUXURY' BARGAIN BALE. Two Super quality All Wool Blankets, 68 x 88in., weight 8lb pr. Two Fleecy Blankets, 60x80in. 4lb pair. Two Grey Bolton Twill Hemmed Sheets, 70 x 90in. 4½lb pair. One Fadeless Alhambra Hemmed Quilt, 73 x 94in. Bleached Damask Table Cloth, 54x54in. Two Pillow Cases, 20 x 30. Bolster Case 20x66in. Important—We include a 16-PIECE CUTLERY SERVICE—4 Sheffield Stainless Steel Knives, 4 Dessert Forks, 4 Dessert Spoons, & 4 Tea Spoons. Wear like silver. Catalogue Free. Terms: 5/- Monthly **£3**

J. G. GRAVES Ltd. SHEFFIELD



32 BILLIARD TABLES GIVEN AWAY

WRITE FOR DETAILS

E. J. RILEY, LTD., Anson Works, Accrington.
or Dept. 15. 147. Aldersgate Street. London, E.C.1.

1/- DEPOSIT SECURES THIS 18 CT. PLATED DRESS HUNTER

Undoubtedly one of the most handsome watches of the 1934 Swiss Exhibition. To its credit 7 "ancre de precision" medals stamped on extra inside dust-proof case. Highly polished 18ct. plated, modern chased case, incorporated to prevent wear and scratching. Thin and neat for dress and everyday wear. Unbreakable inside glass. Accurate Geneva lever movement. Timed, tested and guaranteed 10 years. Sent for 1/- down, balance 1/6 fortnightly until 25/- is paid in all. Cash or within 7 days, 23/6.

AIRCRAFT PRODUCTS LTD. (Dept. J.H.I.14), 89, New Oxford St., London, W.C.1. *(Opposite Glaves.)*

2 WEEKS ONLY! SATISFACTION OR MONEY BACK

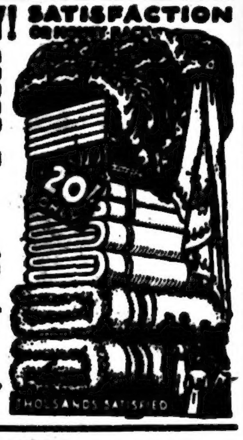
2 White Woolly Blankets 90x70
2 Good Strong Sheets 90x70
2 White Pillow Slips 30x20
1 White Bolster Case 56x20
1 Art Printed Bedspread 90x70
2 Coloured Turkish Towels
1 Art. Silk Brocade and Corded Cushion Cover
3 Dainty Handkerchiefs
2 Chamois Polishers
1 Damask Table Cloth

CARR. FREE **20/-** If C.O.D. 1/- extra

FREE LOVELY WADDED DOWN QUILT

Send for list of 20/- bargains

PATON MILL Co., Dept T., 73-75, Cannon Street, MANCHESTER, 4.



THOUSANDS SATISFIED

SUTCLIFFE'S Store SHED from 2/9 MONTHLY

Design S.S.

DELIVERED on first payment. For storing Tools, Garden Implements, Cycles, Prams, etc. Built in 6 strong perfect fitting sections, easily the best value. Sent carriage paid. Roofing Felt supplied free. (Floors extra.)

SMALL STORE SHEDS from 20/-

Long	Wide	High	Cash	or 12 payments.
6ft.	4ft.	6½ft.	£1 10 0	2/9
7ft.	5ft.	6½ft.	2 12 0	5/-
10ft.	7ft.	6½ft.	3 10 0	6/5
12ft.	8ft.	7ft.	4 15 0	8/10

Send for Free Catalogue, Sheds, Sports Pavilions, Poultry Houses, Kennels, Greenhouses, Garages, Aviaries, &c.

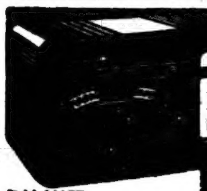
F. & H. Sutcliffe, Ltd., 53, Wood Top, Hebden Bridge, Yorks.
London Showrooms: 66-62, Oxford St., W.1.

[illegible] SUPPLIED ON EASY TERMS. SEND FOR OUR ILLUSTRATED LIST POST FREE OF PLATINUM SET DIAMOND & GEM RINGS, WATCH BRACELETS, GENTS POCKET & WRISTLET WATCHES.

£5.5.0 Value for 52/6. Yours for 1/- Deposit. Solid gold. English hall-marked Wrist Watch. Fine quality jewelled movement, opal dial, timed to a minute a month. Fitted Milanese mesh bracelet, adjustable to any size. 10 years' warranty. Sent for 1/- deposit. If satisfactory, 2/- payable on receipt, and 5/- monthly until 55/- is paid, or full cash 7 days, 52/6 only.

DAVIS & CO., Dept. J.B. 14, 94-104, Denmark Hill, S.E.5.

YOURS FOR 3/- DEPOSIT



£8 8 0 VALUE FOR 79/6

BALANCE 5/- MONTHLY

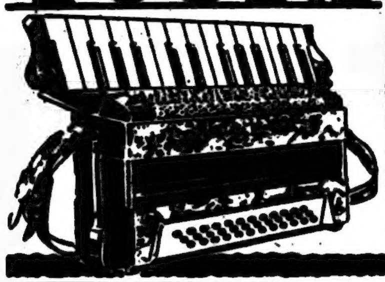
The Famous "Jadtone" Three

All British Construction. Mullard Valves, Metal Chassis, Balanced Armature Speaker, Gramophone Pick-up. Selectivity Tappings, Illuminated Tuning. Walnut Polished Cabinet. Complete with 90 H.T. Battery and Accumulator. All British and Foreign Stations powerfully received. 12 Months' Guarantee. Delivered ready for use. Cash 79/6, or 5/- monthly. Write for Illustrated List.

DAVIS & CO. (Dept. J.B. 105), 94-104, DENMARK HILL, LONDON, S.E.5.

YOURS for 3/- DEPOSIT

6 gn value for 48/6



Real Piano Accordions at Specially reduced prices. Piano Finished Cabinet, Steel Reeds, Metal Bound Bellows, Triple Chord Action, Complete with Shoulder Strap.

21 Piano Keys 8 Basses. Send only 3/- Deposit, Balance payable 5/- Monthly until 52/- is paid, or Cash within 7 days 48/6 only.

Write for fully illustrated list of Models with 25 Keys 12 Bass, 25 Keys 24 Bass, 34 Keys 48 Bass, 41 Keys 120 Bass, etc., etc. All on equally attractive terms.

J. A. DAVIS & CO.
(Dept. J.B.7), 94-104, Denmark Hill, London, S.E.5.

YOURS FOR 1/- Deposit

BUY BRITISH £4/4/- value for 35/-

An absolutely unheard-of price. Guaranteed perfect in quality. Heavy-Weight Imperial Blankets, bordered, and whipped edges. Will wear a lifetime.

ONLY 35/- for EIGHT Full-Size BLANKETS

Send for this Blanket Bale on approval. See the rich quality. There is no doubt that this is One of the World's Biggest Bargains. If entirely to your satisfaction, balance is payable 2/6 fortnightly until 37/6 is paid. Full cash within 7 days, 35/- only. The Whole Bale of 8 Blankets sent on receipt of the first Deposit of 1/- An unequalled Offer.

FREE 30 PIECES OF TABLE PLATE VALUE 35/-

Every purchaser receives our free gift of Stainless Plate as follows:
6 Table Spoons.
6 Table Forks.
6 Dessert Spoons.
6 Dessert Forks.
6 Tea Spoons.

Dpt. J.B. 220 **J. A. DAVIS & CO.** 94-104 DENMARK HILL LONDON S.E.5

YOURS for 6D. DEPOSIT

£3-3-0 VALUE FOR 17/11

Note Our Free Gift to Every Customer.

The Latest Parisian Design Winter Model Frock produced in Fine Quality Chiffon Finished Twill Back Velveteen. Modish High-cut Corsage with Cross-over Yoke Front. Adjustable Tie, Finish to Waist, Smart Medium Neckline, attractively trimmed with Stylish Frill and Bow of White Sand Crepe. Well-cut Skirt with Medium Flare. Let us send you this exclusive model on Free Approval. Send only 6d. deposit and 6d. for postage for Free Approval. Balance payable 1/6 fortnightly until 18/11 is paid, or full cash within 7 days 17/11 only. All sizes and lengths. X.O.S. sizes 3/- extra. Give size and colour required for immediate delivery.

Note Our Free Offer: Every Purchaser has one of our £2 2s. Raincoats with StormCollar, Full Belt & Vertical Pockets — Free.

Colours available: Navy, New Green, Wine, Nigger, Saxe and Black. Why not be smartly Dressed out-of-income? Write for our Fully Illustrated List of up-to-date Models. Perfect satisfaction guaranteed or deposit refunded.

J. A. DAVIS & CO Dept. J.B.67 94-104 DENMARK HILL LONDON S.E.5

RUGS GIVEN AWAY!

9/-

This Phenomenal Offer is made to "John Bull" readers. On receipt of P.O. 9/-, carriage 1/- ex., we will forward Direct from our looms one of our "Prudential" Brussilette REAL SEAMLESS WOVEN CARPETS. Suitable for Drawing, Dining and Bedroom, etc., handsomely bordered in 30 Turkey patterns and fashionable shades of Crimson, Greens, Blues, Browns, Rose and Art Colourings, to suit all requirements, and large enough to cover any ordinary sized room. They are made of material equal to wool, and being a speciality of our own can only be obtained direct from our Looms, saving purchaser all middle profits. Guaranteed genuine bargains. Money refunded if not approved. Thousands of Repeat Orders and unsolicited testimonials. With every carpet we absolutely give away a handsome rug to match. *Illustrated Bargain Catalogue of Carpets, Bedding, etc., post free.*

F. HODGSON & SONS (J.B.) Woodsley Rd., Leeds.

THE YOKOHAMA One-String FIDDLE

YOURS FOR 1/- DOWN

AS MELLOW AS A 'CELLO

A delightful Instrument

There is no easier instrument to play. No tedious study, no delicate handling or fingering, yet entrancing music can be produced in an hour's practice by any novice. Full instructions how to play presented free to every purchaser. Complete with handsome bow and resin. Send 1/- to-day and delight your friends. Then send 2/- weekly (13/6 in all) or 12/6 cash with order within 7 days.

T. A. DICKESON, 4, Moor Lane, Rickmansworth, Herts.

"MIGHTY AS AN ORGAN!"

'PURATONE' PIANO ACCORDION

21 Piano keys. 8 Basses.

Curved Highly Nickel Plated Fret. 14 Metal-protected Bellows. Corner Protectors. Handsome Coloured Nacrolaque Finish. Complete with strap. A Tutor supplied free.

6/- Deposit and eight monthly payments of **6/- or 50/-** CASH PRICE

Write for list of larger models.

THE ACCORDION TRADING CO., (Dept. J.9), 73, Camden Road, London, N.W.1.

FREE APPROVAL We Trust YOU

Lady's or Gent's Wrist Watches **£3.3.0 value for 22/6**

Gent's size. Bold Luminous dial. Splendid quality, tested movement, highly polished platinon case, leather sewn strap. Perfect Timekeeper. Sent on free approval. If satisfactory pay 1/6 fortnightly until 22/6 is paid, or Fitted on Chrome Mesh extension 27/6 same terms. Lady's size same quality on Black Moire band or expanding Bracelet, in handsome velvet-lined case 22/6. Same terms 1/6 fortnightly after receipt.

Illus. List Free.

Dept. J.B.57 **J. A. DAVIS & CO** 94-104 DENMARK HILL LONDON S.E.5

FREE!

CAFE COLETTE ORCHESTRA ON 5 RECORDS

ALL FIVE SENT ABSOLUTELY FREE

The greatest and most sensational free gift offer of the year—a real Xmas present for everybody of Five new complete Records by the Famous Cafe Colette Orchestra given absolutely free and without obligation to all applicants just to introduce our celebrated Double-Life 3-hole type 100% Sheffield Razor Blades, worth 4d. each. Send only 1/- for trial packet of 15 blades, also 6d. for post and packing of five records, and your blades and big gift will reach you by return. Everybody is surprised and delighted, and you'll say "What a gift!" Hurry up!

AIRCRAFT PRODUCTS LTD. (Dept. J.F.R.4), 89, New Oxford Street, London, W.C.1. (Opposite Glaves' Central Entrance)

BANKRUPT STOCK OFFER

GENUINE SUPER SOUNDBOXES

RADIOGRAM TONE

Complete Manufacturer's stock of these famous Ultra powerful Soundboxes, list price 21/-, now offered at the astounding price of 3/9, post 3d. The cheapest gramophone instantly transformed into super sweet-toned instrument by simply fitting this Super Soundbox, only found with models costing £25. Durolite metal diaphragm. Non-vibrating. Cash refunded if not delighted. When ordering state whether soundbox fits in or slips over tone arm. Immediate delivery.

3/9 POST 3d (British Made.)

AIRCRAFT PRODUCTS LTD. (Dept. J.S.3), 89, New Oxford St., London, W.C.1 *(Opposite Glaves' central entrance)*

Real BLUE MELTON OVERCOATS 14/11

Honestly worth 39/6. A huge deal for cash enables us to offer to "John Bull" readers this amazing and genuine bargain. Latest 1935 style Heavy Blue Melton D.B. Overcoats, smartly cut and well tailored. Fully lined. Also in Brown Tweed D.B. belted style. Sizes, 34 in., 44 in. over jacket. Boys' sizes, 26 in., 32 in., only 6/11. Post 1/- or sent C.O.D.

First come, first served, so send to-day. Satisfaction guaranteed by "John Bull," or Money Back.

SEND FOR FREE BARGAIN CATALOGUE

WINNERS, LTD., *Dept. J. 25.* 15–19, Goldhawk Road, London, W.12

"READICUT" RUG WOOLS

THE ORIGINAL WOOL
CUT INTO LENGTHS READY FOR USE

SEND NOW FOR 1935 **1/- RUG BOOK FREE**

with over 80 designs in full colours and FREE WOOL SAMPLES. Send a p.c. (1d. stamp) to

READICUT WOOL Co., Ltd., Dept. J.B., OSSETT, Yorkshire

WATCHES GIVEN AWAY FREE!

This perfect timekeeping SWISS Shock-Proof WATCH, with 5 years' Free Repair Service, is presented absolutely free to each purchaser of our Leak-proof Lever-less press-button filling BRITISH Fountain Pen. Price 2/6 (post, etc., 6d.). This Amazing Offer is just to introduce to you our big Bargain List. Send NOW P.O. 3/- when BY RETURN you will receive this marvellous new Pen with our wonderful Gift Watch. No more to pay. Your 3/- returned if not highly delighted.

Wm. PENN (Dept. J.W.), 623-627, Holloway Rd., London, N.19.

JOHN BULL'S
SHOP WINDOW
Order NOW for Xmas

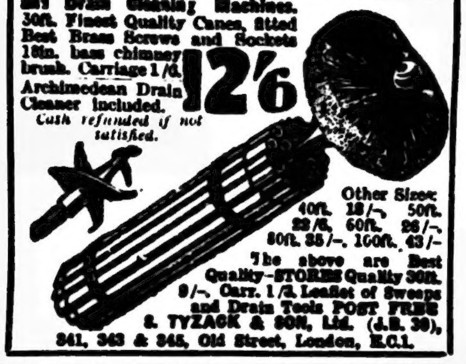
MORE GUARANTEED BARGAINS ON PAGES 2 AND 3

SPECIAL OFFER

CHIMNEY SWEEPING

and Drain Cleaning Machines. 30ft. Finest Quality Canes, fitted Best Brass Screws and Sockets 18in. bass chimney brush. Carriage 1/6. Archimedean Drain Cleaner included. **12/6**

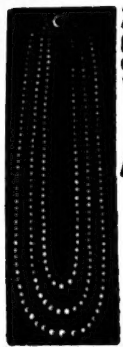
Cash refunded if not satisfied.



Other Sizes: 40ft. 18/-, 50ft. 22/6, 60ft. 26/-, 80ft. 35/-, 100ft. 43/-

The above are Best Quality—STORES Quality 30ft. 9/-, Carr. 1/3. Leaflet of Sweeps and Drain Tools POST FREE.

S. TYZACK & SON, Ltd. (J.B. 30),
341, 343 & 345, Old Street, London, E.C.1.



THREE GUINEA SOLID GOLD WATCH FREE!

In order to advertise our new creation of "Marlow" deep sea effect pearls, to every purchaser of a beautifully matched Triple Row necklace with replica diamond set clasp we will present absolutely FREE a dainty Lady's solid gold (English Hall marked) wrist watch guaranteed in writing 10 years or a 63/- Gent's Silver Wrist Watch. Pearls sent on receipt of 1/- deposit on approval. If to satisfaction send 1/6 fortnightly until 21/- is paid in all.

This watch is presented to every purchaser without exception. Send now to secure your Solid Gold or Silver Watch FREE.

AIRCRAFT PRODUCTS LTD. (Dept. G.W.J.4),
89, New Oxford Street, London, W.C.1.
(Opposite Glaves) central entrance.

BABY-CLOTHES

DON'T TROUBLE ABOUT MAKING BABY-CLOTHES —IT DOES NOT PAY— LET ME SUPPLY A COMPLETE LAYETTE FOR **30/-**

Modern Short Lengths or usual Long clothes

75 delightful garments for Winter or Summer Baby. Silk and Wool Shawl, Emb. Robes, Lawn or Wincey, Day Gowns, L.Cloth, Flan. or Wincey Nighties, Best Wool Vests, Back-Flannels, Hand Knit Woollies, Mat. Coats, Binders, Trunk Sets, Turk Napkins, etc., etc.

A MOTHER'S LETTER READS: "I think your layette is worthy of all the recommendation it gets. All garments are beautiful and certainly half shop prices."

Expectant Mothers! SEND **2/-** FOR PARCEL ON APPROVAL. Bal. Cash or Terms.
Mrs. J. B. HOWARD,
66, Dover Road,
Portsmouth.

LEARN TO PLAY NOW

1/- DOWN

A SELF-TUTOR, A PLECTRUM and A TUNER GIVEN FREE *with this outfit*

Just time to perfect yourself in this delightful instrument for those Christmas Parties and jolly sing-song evenings. A few hours with the aid of free self-tutor enables you to play catchy melodies. Simply great for crooning accompaniments. 1/- down brings the Uke-Banjo to you; then pay 2/- weekly (11/6 in all), or 10/6 cash, or within seven days. The Banjo is made of sturdy Oak, high-grade vellum, and nickel bezel. An instrument to be proud of. Make yourself popular and send to-day.

THE PROBITY CO.,
57, Umfreville Rd., London, N.4.

SOUTH WESTERN

AMAZINGLY REDUCED

FROM 18/- CASH OR 2/- DOWN

FREE STEEL BRACING
250 MILE FREE
LORRY DELIVERY.

SUPER GARAGES.

	Cash.	Down	12 pts.
10ft. x 7ft.	89/6	4/6	8/3
14ft. x 8ft.	129/6	6/6	11/11

SUPER GARDEN SHEDS.

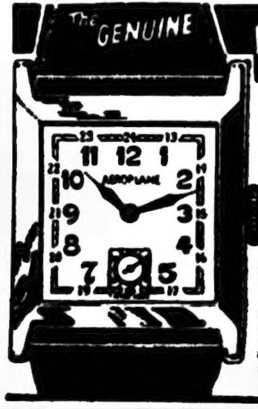
	Cash	Down	12 pts.	Pt.ex.
6ft. x 4ft.	29/6	3/6	2/6	8/6
8ft. x 5ft.	49/6	4/-	4/3	11/6
10ft. x 7ft.	69/6	5/-	6/3	22/6

WRITE FOR ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE.

SOUTH WESTERN APPLIANCE CO. 1929 Ltd.
Dept. J., Hugon Rd., Fulham, S.W.6. Ful. 1121 (3 lines)

The GENUINE AEROPLANE WATCH

for 5/- down



Made by the suppliers to IMPERIAL AIRWAYS & AIR MINISTRY. Guaranteed 5 years. Jewelled, non-magnetic lever movement. Vibration, dust, shock-proof; unbreakable glass, chrome case, 24-hour dial. Value in Watch—nothing given away! FREE CATALOGUE. *Your old watch in part exchange.*

G. & M. LANE & Co. Ltd
(Dept. J.B.3), 24 26, Ludgate Hill, E.C.4.

YOU CAN MASTER IT IN 30 MINS.

The instrument you have always LONGED TO PLAY

Most popular musical instrument of modern times. So simple that you can play serious or up-to-date dance music almost immediately because there is no reed to manipulate. Easy piano-like fingering. 16 notes with 4 left-hand bass syncopating notes. Highly nickel-plated. 2ft. 3in. outside measurement. Complete with music chart. Form your own band, be the life of the party. If not absolutely delighted & amazed we refund cash at once. Clearance price 9/6, post 6d. Send now to—

9/6 POST 6d.

AIRCRAFT PRODUCTS, LTD.
(Dept. V.J.B.2) 89, New Oxford St., London, W.C.1. *(Opp. Glaves).*

Toy ANIMALS

KEWS' BRITISH METAL TOYS. The Ideal Christmas Gift for Kiddies. Life-like and instructive full-bodied Models, enamelled natural colours, Cows, Sheep, Dogs, Poultry, etc. from tiny Chicks to 2½-in. Horse.

50 FARM MODELS Post Free, 4/6

J. KEWS, Ltd. Hadwell Works, Brockley, S.E.4.

Jungle; Soldier; Huntsman & Navy Sets, 5/- each.

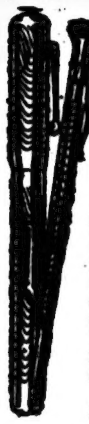
PIANO [illegible] ACCORDION

ONLY **8/6** NO MORE TO PAY!

Complete Factory Liquidation Stock Must be Cleared before the New Year

The most amazing offer ever made to popularise this fine organ-toned instrument—sweet, mellow and as easy to play as a 20 guinea model. Strong bellows. Well finished with heavily nickel plated metal parts. Attractively coloured as full size professional model. Ivory finished piano keys. 8 basses. Complete with hand strap and shoulder sling. An offer to advertise our name the world over. Only 8/6, post and packing 9d. NOTHING MORE TO PAY AFTER RECEIVING INSTRUMENT. Send at once to:—

AIRCRAFT PRODUCTS LTD.
(Dept. Z. J.B.6), 89, New Oxford St., London, W.C.1.



WATCH. FOUNTAIN PEN. PENCIL AND SILVER-PLATED CHAIN—

4 Articles FREE!

All the above articles sent to everyone without exception—one genuine Chromium Plated 'Aircraft' Smashproof Lever Pocket Watch fitted with unbreakable glass and warranted 5 years—one leak-proof, self-filling fountain pen with 14ct. gold plated nib—one heavily plated propelling pencil with pocket clip—one genuine silver plated pocket chain for watch. The above 4 articles are given FREE to all purchasers of 3 packets of "Double Life" 100% Sheffield 3-hole type razor blades at 1/- per packet of 15, post and packing 6d. Send 3/6 only for 45 super quality blades and free watch, chain, pen and pencil. Nothing more to pay. Money returned if blades are not equal to any 4d. blade.

AIRCRAFT PRODUCTS LTD., (Dept. J.B.W. 18), 89, NEW OXFORD ST., London, W.C.1. (Opposite Glaves Central Ent.)

Not an ordinary small mouth-organ, but the full-size instrument (80 reeds) now so popular on the Continent, where real Harmonica playing is the thing. The beautiful rich full tone of this new instrument is the nearest approach to that of a first-class Piano-Accordion, yet it can be learnt in a few hours. Great for community singing, solo playing, dancing. Take it wherever you go and

THE CONTINENTAL HARMONICA

always be ready to make merry. You will delight your friends and earn popularity for yourself. Send for the wonderful Continental Harmonica NOW! It costs only 3/6, complete in case, post free.

3/6

E. HARRIES & CO.,
48, Northgate, Baildon, Yorks.

DONT BE BORED—PLAY BAGATELLE

32 Free Billiard Tables. Send for details.

For the small sum of 7/6 down you can get immediate delivery of a wonderful 6 ft. Riley Bagatelle Table, that will give grand entertainment for all the family during leisure hours. The first payment brings the 6 ft. Riley Bagatelle Table, with all accessories, carriage paid. 7 days' Free Trial. Balance monthly. Cash price £8/10/0. Also 7 ft. and 8 ft. sizes. All fold away when not in use. Write for Art List.

E. R. Riley, Ltd.,
Lane Works,
ACCRINGTON.
or Dept. 41,
147, Aldersgate
Street, London,
E.C.1.

"Boxing with Brains"

Let JACK DOYLE TEACH YOU TO DEFEND YOURSELF AGAINST ALL COMERS

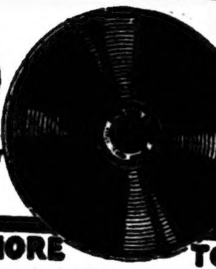
WOULDN'T you like to be the finest boxer of your set—to be the hero of an emergency—to fear not danger—and be a real "tackler"? At any time you may be forced to use your fists to save parents, sweethearts, comrades—to beat off an unwarranted attack. Are you certain how you will act? Will you be proud or will you disgrace yourself? Make sure of being the better man, however young or old you may be, and let Jack Doyle, the Famous Heavyweight, give you a scientific knowledge of Boxing and Emergency Defence. Jack Doyle, the boxer who knocked out in a few seconds nine opponents one after the other—NOW lays bare the secrets of his uncanny mastery of the ring—secrets reduced to a simple system and lucidly written for "the man in the street"—for you!

THIS system, the only one of its kind in the world, yet quite within your pocket, will give you great power over others, a fearless personality, banish inferiority complex, and in an amazingly short time you will become an exponent of boxing—a man with a dreaded punch!

● Write for the Folder, "Boxing with Brains." It's full of interest and quite free. *Address personally—*

JACK DOYLE, Oakley House, Bloomsbury St., London, W.C.1.
Mention "John Bull" and enclose 1½d. stamp for postage.

6 for 2/- Post free.



NO MORE TO PAY

Wonderful value in GRAMOPHONE RECORDS. FULL SIZE, 10 in., TWO TUNES. Excellent reproduction (not secondhand, but absolutely new). Free Performance Rights for Cinemas, Cafes, etc. Send 2/- and 6 popular DURIUM Records will be sent post free. SURPLUS SALES, Ltd. (J.B.), The shop of 1,000 Bargains, 15, Church St., Kingston-on-Thames. 'Phone: Kingston 1974. Trade Inquiries Invited.

HAWAIIAN UKULELE BANJO

6/9 POST 9d.

FREE UKULELE BANJO TUTOR with every order!

These beautiful instruments are genuine 21/- value and are offered to the public at the ridiculous price of 6/9 only as the result of a disposal of a huge purchase; therefore this offer cannot be repeated. In highly polished Satin Walnut finish with brass fretted finger-board, first quality vellum and heavily nickel-plated fittings. Amazingly sweet tone. An hour or so only required for a novice to master it with the FREE TUTOR. Send P.O. to-day to avoid disappointment.

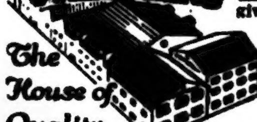
AIRCRAFT PRODUCTS Ltd.
(Dept. J.U.1),
89, New Oxford Street,
London, W.C.1.
(Opposite Glaves.)

GRAVES Fine Quality Bale Beats the World For Good Value

Two finest British pure White All Wool Blankets of lovely texture, with neat borders, whipped ends, 63 x 80in, 7lb pair; Two All White luxury Fleecy Blankets with whipped ends, 60x80in, 4lb pr; Two pure White Pillow Cases, 20 x 30in; One Bolster Case, 20 x 60in; Two Grey Bolton Twill Hemmed Sheets, 70 x 90in, 4lb pair; One Alhambra Quilt, 70x90in. Complete, Carriage Paid. **42/-.** 3/6 Now, 3/6 Monthly. Drapery Catalogue Free. J. G. GRAVES LTD. SHEFFIELD

3/6 NOW

MEN WITH SPARE TIME



The House of Quality.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY!

Lucrative spare-time occupation for men in regular work to represent one of London's oldest cash and credit houses supplying the finest values in Drapery, Clothing, Footwear, Household Goods, Toys, Jewellery, etc. Dignified, pleasant work, generous terms, no outlay. Wonderful range of samples supplied. Experience quite unnecessary. Every support given. Acknowledged the best steady spare-time agency of all. Early application advisable. Write for details NOW to: The Staff Manager,

FREEMANS,
Lavender Hill, London, S.W.11

LIGHTNING LOCKSTITCH LEATHER STITCHER

"The Handy Man's Friend."

The Original and Best.

Sews a perfect lockstitch as sewing machine but stronger. A super quality tool fitted with High Grade diamond pointed machine type needles.

SIMPLE TO USE.

Quickly Sews Boots, Belts, Bags, Trunks, Harness, Suit Cases, Hoods, Celluloid Screens, &c. Complete with 4 different needles, thread and illus. directions, 2/3, post 4d. Extra waxed thread 8d. skein, 3 for 2/-. Extra needles, 3d. each, 2/9 doz.

PRICE ONLY **2/3**

We Guarantee Satisfaction.

PENN & CO. (Dept. J.A.),
142, Cottenham Road, London, N.19

MY GREAT XMAS OFFER IS THE BEST YET

I offer the finest ALL-BRITISH Wireless Sets at bargain prices, including Battery and All Mains Receivers. Any Set sent ON APPROVAL, PACKED FREE & CARRIAGE PAID. Write now for my beautifully illustrated Art Catalogue.

For Only £3·10 CASH or EASY TERMS

Ltd. O'Brien [illegible] COVENTRY

FOR SMALL TRADERS, SHOPKEEPERS.

BIG MONEY FOR YOU.
Cochrane & Sons help you to make money. Ladies' Knickers, 5/6 doz. Sell at 9d. per pair. Overalls, 4/11 doz. Sell at 8½d. each. Gent's Wool Socks, 4/6 doz. 1/- line for 8½d. pair. Hundreds of other bargains. Come and see us or write for Free Catalogue.—Cochrane's Wholesale Warehouse, 1, Thomas Street, Manchester.

FREE ILLUS. PRICE LIST to dealers and beginners for keen lines in Drapery, Hosiery, Haberdashery (wholesale only).—LEVY BROS., Dept. A., 39, Houndsditch, LONDON, E.C.3.

PROFITABLE GOODS TO SELL, every kind, for Spare-time Agent and Shopkeeper. 176-page Catalogue free.—MAY (125), Birmingham.

HOSIERY & UNDERWEAR. Write or call to-day for Illus. Winter Catlg. of wonderful Bargains. Bigger profits without risk. Beginners instructed. —RAYON SILK CO. (J.), 9, Friday St., E.C.4.

76-PAGE Autumn/Winter W'sale Drapery Catlgs. Post Free. Perfect and repeatable goods of quality and value. Keenest prices. All Depts. Ladies', Men's, Child's, Household. Boots and Shoes. Satisfaction guaranteed. Wholesale only. Myers & Co. (L. & H.), Ltd., 7, Trinity St., Leeds.

BUY LADIES' SILK STOCKINGS to sell again to friends and others. Big profits. Catalogue and particulars free.—EMPIRE HOSIERY CO., Dept. J.B., Empire House, London, E.C.1.

FREE.—Illus. 1934 Cat. and 1935 Supp. List. Haberdashery, Hosiery, Razor Blades, etc.—M. RADNAN, LTD., 103, Shudehill, Manchester.

BIG PROFITS ASSURED.—Send for Wholesale Price list of 600 Keen Lines in Hosiery, Smallware, Toilet Goods, Flashlamps, Stationery, etc.—Fox Bros., 36, Thomas St., Manchester, 4.

AGENCIES, CLUBS.

A BACKING of £50 PRIZE may be yours. 10/- in the £ Comm. on a £5 book. Greatest Novelties in private Xmas Greeting Cards and Calendars. No experience. No outlay. Make £20.—Desk 6, The Sunshine Publishers, 8, Sycamore Street, London, E.C.1.

EMPIRE STORES Wants Agents to Form Clothing Clubs. Prices compete with multiple stores. Liberal com. Write for catalogue.—Empire Stores, 52, High Pavement, Nottingham.

EARN BIG MONEY
as Agents for all-the-year-round firm specialising in Clothing, Footwear, Jewellery, Fancy and Household Goods. Liberal commission and bonuses paid and cash prizes. Send at once for partics., post free.—Ambler, Price & Cole, Ltd. (Dept. J.B.), Amprico House, Acton Lane, NW10.

EMPLOYMENT.

MOTOR DRIVERS.—THE BRITISH SCHOOL OF MOTORING. Largest National training and employment Organisation for Motor Drivers. Call (9-7) or write for details of training: 5, Coventry St., Piccadilly Circus, LONDON; or 263, Deansgate, MANCHESTER; or Sheepcote St., Broad St., Birmingham. 90,000 successful pupils.

POLICE FORCE.—Splendid pay and prospects. If over 5 ft. 9 in. and under 25 apply for free details of Entrance Exam., B.T.I. (Dept. 602), 29, Oxford Street, W.1.

A PAYING Profession. Become a certificated Chiropodist.—Write partics. Home Study Course. 3, School of Surgical Chiropody, Leatherhead.

G.P.O. Engineering Dept (No experience required.) Commence £4 per week. Age 17-23. Excellent prospects. Free details of entrance Exam., B.I.E.T. (Dept. 527), 31, Oxford St., W.1.

CIVIL SERVICE, G.P.O. Engineers. Customs and Excise, Inspector of Taxes; no experience required; open examination; vacancies regularly available; ages 17-24.—Full particulars, with personal advice free.—Dept. 149, The Bennett College, Ltd., Sheffield.

CIVIL SERVICE VACANCIES. The 1934 Edition of Civil Service Handbook is now ready for public distribution. Those desiring details of openings, age limits, pay, Entrance Exams., etc., for all branches of the Service (either sex, ages 15 upwards) are advised to apply for this free Handbook immediately to B.T.I. (Dept. 171), 29, Oxford Street, W.1.

100 VACANCIES.
100 (one hundred) vacancies occur for men aged 19-21, as Customs and Excise Officers. Commencing pay £3 6s., rising to £10 15s. per week. No experience required. Open Entrance Exams., March 20.—For full details apply B.T.I. (Dept. 801), 29, Oxford Street, W.1.

READERS' attention is drawn to the Bennett College advt. on page 41.

BUSINESS SERVICES, ETC.

MAIL ORDER TRADERS. — Advertisements inserted in 50 provincial newspapers or London Suburban, 7/10. Welsh 3/8. Large or small Mail Order Campaigns. Advice free. Write for Prospectus 60, Buttolph & Dickson, 323, High Holborn, London, W.C.1. (Chancery 8113.)

PRINTING (lowest prices). Catalogues, Schedules, Magazines, Price Lists, Dup. Books. All kinds Stationery. Samples 2d. Meads (60), Sandy.

CHEAP Printing.—1,000 Billheads, 3/6. 1,000 Handbills, 7/6. Cards, Memos, etc. Samples free.—CRETEWAY PRESS, 8, Buxted, Sussex.

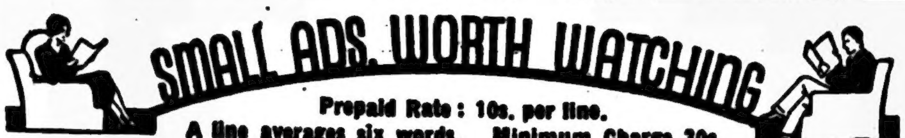
BARGAIN SALES.

WALLPAPER DIRECT from 2½d. per roll. Send for patterns, post free.—WEST RIDING WALLPAPER CO., 52, TRINITY ST., LEEDS.

CARNIVAL GOODS, Balloons, Hats, Novelties, etc. Dance organisers, send for free bargain list. —"Urcedus," 70/72, Arundel St., Portsmouth.

CHINA. 120 articles. Jugs, Plates, Cups, Scrs., Mugs, &c., 10/-. 1,000 dinner sets. FREE, 48 Cups & Scrs., 4/-. Glass & H'dware Col. Catlg. & Guide, worth £'s, FREE. BridgeSt. Pottery, Dept. 9, Burslem

"CARNIVAL" Hats, Novelties, Balloons, etc. Illustrated Catalogue J.B. free.—Beck's British Carnival Novelties, Cross Street, London, N.1.



SMALL ADS WORTH WATCHING

Prepaid Rate: 10s. per line.
A line averages six words. Minimum Charge 30s.
Advertisements must be received not later than noon on Friday for the following Thursday's issue.
Address: The Advert. Manager, "John Bull," 57-59, Long Acre, London, W.C.2.

WOOLS.—Knit, 1d. oz.; Ping., 1½d.; Marls, 1½d., Crochet 2½d., Blk. 6-ply Rug. 9d., 1/- lb. Colours, 1/3; Silky Cable, 1/6½, etc. Samps. free. Newcastle Wool Co., Ltd (Dept. 71), N/c-on-Tyne

WALLPAPERS from 2d. ROLL. NEW 1935 Designs. Patterns Post Free.—BRUCE AND HALL (J.B.), SOUTH SHIELDS.

A1 NOVELTIES for Dances. Hats, Balloons, Novelty Musical Instruments, Masks. — List JB1543 free.—Dudley's, 451, Holloway Rd., N.7.

SCOTIA WOOLS, 1d. oz. Silky, 1½d., Crochet 1½d. oz. Tweeds, 1½d. Blk. Rug 8d., Col'rd 9½d. Thrums 5½d. lb. 1d. p.c. trings 1/- Rug Book Spls. Free. Scotia Wools, 153, NewBridgeSt., Newcastle/T.

DANCE NOVELTIES and Advertisement Balloons. List free —NOVELTY SUPPLY STORES, 228, Mile End Road, LONDON.

IDEAL XMAS GIFTS. Lifelike miniatures from any photograph or snapshot. As rings, links, mirrors, etc. Send for list. Agents wanted. —MELTON, 28, Stanmore Rd., London, N.15.

XMAS GIFT! Two pairs of art silk stockings, value 3/11, to purchasers of beautiful art silk opera top skirt and knicker set W. Size 5/11, post free. State shades required. Money refunded if not delighted.
THE PREMIER STORES,
47, South Street, KEIGHLEY, YORKS.

★ *The week's star bargain will interest every housewife. Look for the advt. marked with a star on page 2.*

COVER that room with Artoleum. Nothing Cheaper, nothing Better. No nailing; rotproof, damp-proof. A big roll for 15/- is offered in advertisement on page 2. All purchasers receive free gift of useful doormat.

SOMETHING like a Free Gift! Don't miss your Xmas Gift Watch. Answer the advt headed "Watches Given Away" on page 3.

FUN AT CHRISTMAS. Why not stand before the microphone and astonish the family? See how it's done by reading advt. of D. M. Hunter in *John Bull's* "Shop Window" on page 2.

REDUCE your waist and hips 3 INCHES IN 10 DAYS or it won't cost you a penny!

I WANT YOU TO TRY MY SLYMLASTIK BELT AT MY EXPENSE!

"*I reduced my hips* NINE INCHES," writes Miss Heath.
"*I reduced from 43 inches to 34½ inches,*" writes Mrs. Boyle.

So many of my customers are delighted with the wonderful results obtained with this new improved "Slymlastik" Corset Belt that I want you to try it for 10 days at my expense!

THE MASSAGE-LIKE ACTION REDUCES QUICKLY

The new "Slymlastik" Belt is ventilated to allow the skin to breathe, and works constantly while you walk, work or sit . . . its massage-like action gently but persistently eliminates fat with every move you make.

NO DRUGS, DIETS OR EXERCISES!

The "Slymlastik" Corset Belt is worn like an ordinary corset, giving natural balanced support to your figure, keeping your body cool and fresh, with perfect liberty of action. It makes you look thin while getting thin.

DON'T WAIT ANY LONGER—ACT TODAY

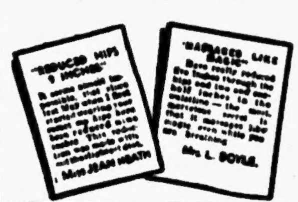
You can prove to yourself quickly and definitely in 10 days whether or not this very efficient belt will reduce you. You do not need to risk one penny . . . try it for 10 days . . . then send it back if you are not completely astonished at the wonderful results . . . and your money will be immediately refunded . . . including the postage!

Styles for every FIGURE TYPE requirement in Side or Front fastening and Step-in Models.

SEND FOR 10-DAY FREE TRIAL OFFER

NURSE SINCLAIR (Dept. 50), 4, VERNON PLACE, LONDON, W.C.1 (corner Southampton Row).
Without obligation on my part, please send me FREE BOOKLET describing and illustrating the "Slymlastik" Corset Belts and Brassieres and your 10-DAY FREE TRIAL OFFER. I enclose 1½d. stamp for postage.
My Waist measure.................My Hips measure.........
Name
Address

Pin 1½d. stamp here.
J.B., 8/12/34



SUPERIOR Railway Timekeeper. Strongly made Gent's Pocket Watch, reliable and accurate. Nickel Case. Will last a lifetime. 4/6 post free.—Warner, 76, Duchy Street, Salford, 6.

XMAS PRESENT, new and novel SAFETY RAZOR (hand forged), hollow-ground blade, will last a lifetime, complete with patented stropper, in plush-lined case, 10/- post free.— Manufacturer and Patentee:
SCOTT, 135, LONG LINE, DORE, SHEFFIELD.

GIFTS! GIFTS!! GIFTS!!! All free for the asking. Look into *John Bull's* "Shop Window." Turn to page 2, then 3, and carry on to 4.

A FOUR-FOLD XMAS GIFT to you—Free of course! See centre of page 4.

BABY'S
BEAUTIFUL LONG CLOTHES, 30/-.
75 home-made garments. Worth £5. Handsome Shawl, Robe, Day Gowns, Flannels, Terry Napkins, Vests, Barras, Warm Nighties, Wool Coats, etc., etc. Everything complete and ready to use. Purchasers state "That materials alone would cost them more." Expectant Mothers, send 2/- for parcel on appro. (Bal. cash or terms).—Mrs. J HOWARD, 66 DOVER RD., PORTSMOUTH.

THE IDEAL XMAS GIFT FOR MEN.
Cosy, fleecy-lined, all-leather slippers in black or tan. Sizes 6-11. Settle your gift problem easily; our price is only 4/6 a pair, post free, and we guarantee your absolute satisfaction. Send your order now, giving size and colour required to:—
BOOTH BROS.,
TOWN BOTTOM, LEPTON,
HUDDERSFIELD, YORKS.

CHIMNEY SWEEPING OUTFITS. A special offer is made to readers in advt. of S. Tyzack & Son, Ltd., top of page 4.

FREE.—Fill in the coupon in the Berkeley Superlax Chair advt. on page 35, for free illustrated catalogue of all models, together with complete range of coverings, patterns, etc. 10/- with order secures this luxurious chair—modern in design but so comfortable.

SOLVE your furnishing troubles by getting Jay's free bargain catalogue of furnishing and book of free gifts.—Write, mentioning *John Bull*, to the head office address appearing in the advt. on page 37 or fill in the coupon and send to-day.

DON'T overlook Ambrose Wilson's bargain Frock offered on page 43. 2s. secures—balance payable by monthly instalments.

ASK your dealer for illustrated price list of all models of Valor Oil Heaters. See page 39.

WIRELESS AND MUSICAL.

PIANO-ACCORDIONS, BANJOS, GUITARS, DRUM SETS, etc. Wonderful 1935 44-p. Cat. free. —Terms, OLLY OAKLEY & RAYMOND, J.B., 3, LAURENCE POUNTNEY HILL, E.C.4.

FULL SIZE Gramophone Records, each two tunes, 6 for 2/-. Why pay more? See advt. of Surplus Sales, Ltd., on page 4.

PIANO ACCORDIONS for 6/- deposit. Further details in advertisement of Accordion Trading Co., foot of page 3.

FREE.—Full particulars of the BUSH Superhets, all obtainable by easy monthly payments. Cut out the coupon in the advt. on p. 14, pin to a sheet of notepaper, on which is clearly written your name and address, and send to Bush Radio, Woodger Road, Shepherd's Bush, London, W.12.

FIVE NEW Gramophone Records FREE! This amazing offer is made to all *John Bull* readers by Aircraft Products, Ltd. Just comply with the simple conditions mentioned in advt. on page 3.

MEDICAL, CURATIVE.

HOW TO STOP SMOKING.—Genuine Remedy, proved by testimonials. — Write, The Stanley Institute (J.B.), 21, Warwick Lane, E.C.4.

WORMS CURED.—Artico Brand Worm Tablets are a Specialist's Positive Cure by removing the cause. No fasting, dieting or interference with daily habits. Send 1s. 6d. for Generous Supply, or 1½d. stamp for details. — Ridyard Tablet Co., 34-38, Codnor, Derby.

BLADDER WEAKNESS, Kidney Trouble cured by Parker's Fluid Remedy, 1/3, 3/-, Boots, etc., or Parker's Remedy, Ltd., Liverpool. Samps. 4d.

BRONCHITIS -- Vapo-Cresolene relieves breathing and soreness quicker than medicine. Write for Book No. 45L to ALLEN & HANBURYS, Ltd., LONDON, E.C.3.

VARICOSE VEINS.
ULCERS and all Skin Complaints PERMANENTLY CURED without leaving a scar. "After suffering with Ulcers for FOUR YEARS my leg is COMPLETELY CURED by your treatment." So writes Mrs. Woodcock, 85, Elm Park Road, London, S.W. Send 3/- for trial size, or write to-day for generous FREE SAMPLE and Booklet. —LE BRASSEUR SURGICAL CO., LTD. (Dept. N.P.), 12 Mortimer Street, London, W.1.

BRONCHITIS, ASTHMA, NASAL CATARRH, CHEST COMPLAINTS. SIR HIRAM MAXIM'S INHALER—World Renowned. — Write for free descriptive Booklet to: EDMONDS CO., 55, HOLBORN VIADUCT, LONDON.

BLUSHING, NERVOUSNESS. — Don't waste money on cheap quack remedies. Send for free book on the cure of Self-consciousness.—Mr. Rivers (J.B.12), 40, Lamb's Conduit St., W.C.1.

IF you'd like to try a generous sample of WINCARNIS, the delicious tonic wine, send 4½d. in stamps (for postage, etc.) to Coleman & Co., Ltd. (Dept. 102), Wincarnis Works, Norwich. This offer appears on the Front Cover.

FREE.—Fill in the coupon in the ELASTO advt. on the Back Cover. This will bring a free sample of ELASTO for Bad legs and Circulatory Diseases, and free booklet, which will enable you to judge the wonderful benefit obtained from this New Biological Remedy. Send coupon now for trial sample and full particulars.

FREE.—Fennings' "Every Mother's Book" and "Everybody's Doctor."—Write, mentioning *John Bull*, to Alfred Fennings, Cowes, I.W. This offer appears on p. 45.

RHEUMATIC sufferers can obtain a free book, "The Conquest of Pain," offered by the makers of "Win-cap-cine" Medicated Wool, whose announcement appears on page 37.

CATARRH, Asthma and Bronchitis sufferers should not overlook Dr. Singha's advt. on page 46. Free samples and a 48-page book will be sent in return for the coupon, plus necessary stamps to cover cost of postage, etc.

WANTED TO PURCHASE.

BEST PRICES paid for Jewellery, Diamonds, Platinum, Old Gold and Silver, Antiques, Dental Plates (not Vulcanite). Valuable Property, etc. Nothing too large nor too small. Cash per return. —Bentley & Co., 65, New Bond St., London, W.1.

CASH Waiting for any kind old Gold, Silver, Jewellery, Diamonds, Dental Plates, etc. Highest cash per return. Est. 25 yrs. Bells, Headrow Leeds.

A BANKNOTE FOR XMAS!—Highest prices paid for Old-fashioned Jewellery. Gold 139/- oz.), Diamonds, Gems, Silver, Plate. Cash at once.— Call or post: Harris & CO., 37, Piccadilly, W.1.

MISCELLANEOUS.

FREE.—A specimen copy of "The Exchange and Mart," 5,000 Bargains Weekly.—Send postcard to J.B. Burt, 4, Greville St., London, E.C.1.

HOW TO DRESS WELL on 2/6 or 5/- per week. Open a Credit Account with SMARTWEAR. No deposit, no references required. Call or write for Catalogue of Ladies' fashions, also Men's catlg., to Dept. M.135, SMARTWEAR, Ltd., 263-271, Regent St., London, W.1.

A FREE sample of CREMMA Dog Cakes will be sent on application to John Wright (London), Ltd., Dept. J.B.4, 100, Bermondsey Wall, S.E.16, as offered in the advt. on p. 38. Your doggie will like them and thrive on them!

FREE.—Write to ROWNTREE & Co., LTD., York, for Free Gift Booklet, U.B.9, showing gifts in exchange for coupons from Rowntree's Cocoa.

FILL in the coupon in the PEARL ASSURANCE CO.'S advt. on p. 18 and get free particulars of their House Purchase scheme.

25 SOLID Silver Tankards are being given away by the makers of BULMER'S CIDER in a simple competition, p. 35. Send your entry now!

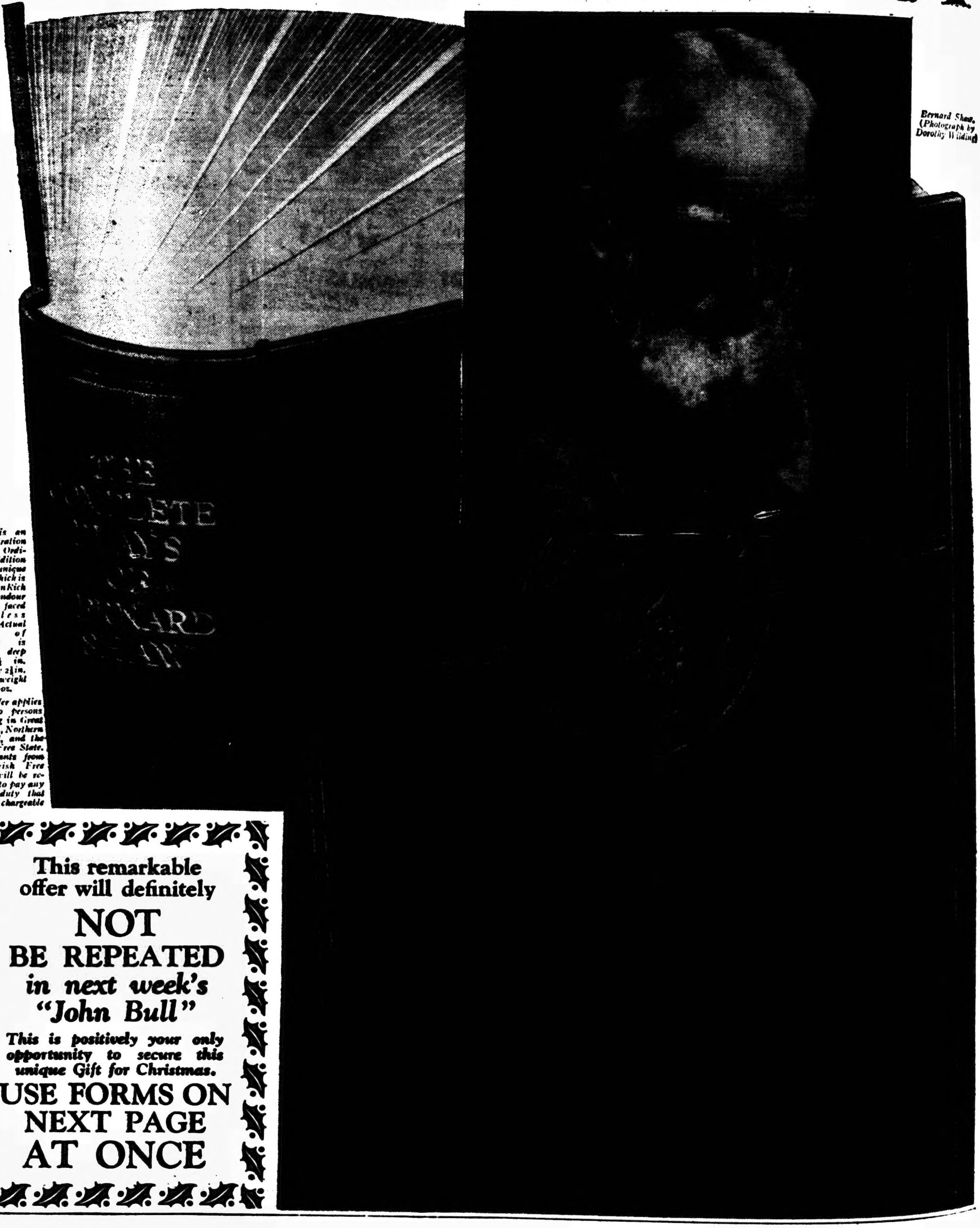
ARE you a member of a share-out club? A National Savings Club is simple, is designed to provide a sound basis of management and safeguard every member against loss. Fill in the coupon in the National Savings announcement on page 27. Send this now! NO POSTAGE STAMP REQUIRED.

FREE.—Samples of Pond's preparations. Write your name and address on the coupon in the Pond's advt. on page 31. Attach 1d. stamp to one corner and post in 1½d. stamped envelope to Dept. 595, Pond's Extract Co., Ltd., Perivale, Middlesex. Free samples of all shades of Pond's Face Powder will be sent by return.

FREE.—A copy of the Stork Recipe Book and a special Christmas Cooking leaflet; also illustrated Stork free gift list. Fill in the coupon in the Stork advt. on page 29.

"John Bull" provides its readers with this unique

COMPLETE PLAYS OF



Bernard Shaw.
(Photograph by
Dorothy Wilding)

Here is an illustration of the Ordinary Edition of this unique work which is bound in Rich Red Sundour linen-faced fadeless Cloth. Actual size of volume is 9¾ in. deep by 7¼ in. wide by 2¼ in. thick, weight 3 lb. 9 oz.

This offer applies only to persons residing in Great Britain, Northern Ireland, and the Irish Free State. Applicants from the Irish Free State will be required to pay any entry duty that may be chargeable

This remarkable offer will definitely

NOT

BE REPEATED

in next week's "John Bull"

This is positively your only opportunity to secure this unique Gift for Christmas.

USE FORMS ON NEXT PAGE AT ONCE

one-week-only Christmas opportunity to secure the

BERNARD SHAW for

3'9

PLUS 1'- TO COVER
PACKING IN SPECIAL CARTON,
CARRIAGE, INSURANCE, ETC.

THIS week "John Bull" announces that an ENTIRELY NEW—EXCLUSIVE—and UNIQUE EDITION of the Plays of Bernard Shaw—the only Complete One-Volume Edition of his dramatic works in the world—is made available to its readers. In this new volume of over 1,220 pages are 42 plays—complete and unabridged—the life work of the greatest dramatic genius of our time. You, as a "John Bull" reader, can obtain this work at a price which is almost unbelievable—yours in time for Christmas, if you hurry!

This great work is a wonderful Christmas Gift—either for you to give to yourself or to a friend—but you must apply at once! This remarkable offer will definitely NOT be repeated in next week's issue of "John Bull," and it is of such outstanding importance that the special limited edition of this work now offered will be in great demand. Use the forms below immediately—they represent a really unique opportunity. All applications must be received by not later than first post TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, or it will be too late.

Below is your Christmas Voucher and your special Application Forms with which you may obtain this work. All you do is apply at once as directed, and your volume, now coming off the press, will be despatched to you immediately. Remember—this is a "one-week-only" opportunity. Act at once!

For two generations Bernard Shaw has dominated Drama and Literature. His plays are performed in the principal theatres of the world. A "First Night" of a Shaw play is the outstanding event of the theatrical season.

Volumes of Bernard Shaw's plays published three years ago at 12s. 6d. now fetch 30s. But they are seldom offered for sale even at this price, for far-seeing collectors know their value increases every year. This indicates clearly the remarkable value of this COMPLETE COLLECTION now offered by "John Bull."

This edition contains 42 *plays—and includes Shaw's three latest works: "A Village Wooing," "Too True to be Good," and "On the Rocks,"* and the many others which aroused a world-wide storm of criticism and excited discussion. There is a preface to the work, specially written by Bernard Shaw for this edition, in which he states that *nobody, not even a millionaire, can obtain this edition of his plays except under this special offer.*

The book itself is produced in lavish style—*and it has the complete approval of Bernard Shaw himself.* Each volume contains 1,228 pages and is printed in a modern type-face on specially made opaque paper, measures 9¾ in. deep by 7½ in. wide and 2½ in. thick, and weighs 3 lb. 9 oz. Realising the tremendous interest this publication will arouse, it has been considered necessary to place before the many thousands who will be eager to secure a copy, a choice of the following THREE bindings:

THE ORDINARY EDITION Bound in covers of rich red Sundour linen-faced fadeless Cloth. A tasteful design, and medallion of the Author is embossed on front; on the spine is an embossed medallion surmounted by the title which is embossed in *real gold*. It has plain end-papers and coloured dustproof top edges. The book comes to you in a handsomely printed jacket wrapper. For the Ordinary Edition you send only 3/9, plus 1/- to cover packing in special carton, carriage, insurance, etc., making 4/9 in all.

THE DE LUXE EDITION Bound in covers of Dark Blue Art Leather Rexine. The front is embossed with a beautiful design, and medallion of the Author; on the spine also is an embossed medallion surmounted by the title which is embossed in *real gold*. It has fancy end-papers and the coloured dustproof top edges. The book weighs 3 lb. 9 oz. *It has for a Frontispiece a studio portrait of Bernard Shaw.* The beautiful binding of this superb volume is protected by a magnificent diaphane wrapper. For the De Luxe Edition you send only 5/9, plus 1/- to cover packing in special carton, carriage, insurance, etc., making 6/9 in all.

THE LIBRARY EDITION Only a limited number of these are available, but the true connoisseur will hasten to enrich his library with this beautifully bound Edition. It is bound in covers of Brown Real Leather. On the front is embossed a handsome design, and medallion of the Author; the spine carries an embossed medallion and the title embossed in *real gold*. The pages are finished on top edge with real gold leaf. The book has a headband and fancy end-papers. It has protective wrapper of diaphane and includes *a portrait study of Bernard Shaw as its Frontispiece*. For the Library Edition you send 8/9, plus 1/- to cover packing in special carton, carriage, insurance, etc., making 9/9 in all.

The great achievement of bringing within the reach of all this remarkable and complete Collection of the Plays of Bernard Shaw is certain to arouse such enthusiasm that the distribution of this special limited edition has been planned on very simple lines.

All you have to do to obtain this work in any one of the three beautiful Editions is to—

(1) Indicate on your Privilege Order Form below which Edition of Bernard Shaw's Plays you require—**THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT**—then fill in your name and address in the space provided. You must also fill in your name and full postal address in Block letters on the "Books with Care" Label, which will be used for sending your volume to you.

(2) Cut out your Privilege Order Form, the "Books with Care" Label, and your special Christmas Voucher, and send them in, together with the correct remittance for the edition you desire.

Immediately on receipt of your Forms and correct remittance "John Bull" will dispatch your volume carriage paid to your home.

Everyone will want to secure this NEW EDITION of the Complete Plays of Bernard Shaw—the only complete one-volume edition in the world. To be amongst those who will obtain a copy in time for Christmas you are earnestly advised to complete the forms below and send them in by the very next post.

Post the Forms Below at Once

CUT HERE—DO NOT SEPARATE

'John Bull'

■

COMPLETE PLAYS
OF
BERNARD SHAW

■

Christmas Voucher

■

THIS Voucher, accompanied by the Special Privilege Order Forms on the right entitles you as a reader of "John Bull" to obtain one copy of the new Limited Edition of "The Complete Plays of Bernard Shaw" while supplies are available, in either of the three bindings specified.

BOOKS WITH CARE

CARRIAGE PAID HOME

NAME ....

ADDRESS ....

TOWN ....

COUNTY ....

If undelivered, please return to Depot 19, Short's Gardens, London, W.C.2.

S J.B.

THE COMPLETE PLAYS OF BERNARD SHAW

Special Privilege Order Form

To "John Bull," Dept. S.
19, Short's Gardens, London, W.C.2

Please send me immediately "The Complete Plays of Bernard Shaw" in the edition I have specified, for which I enclose special Christmas Voucher, Label and remittance as indicated below.

ORDINARY EDITION
3/9 (plus 1/- to cover Carriage, Packing in special carton, Insurance, etc.). **TOTAL 4/9**

DE LUXE EDITION
5/9 (plus 1/- to cover Carriage, Packing in special carton, Insurance, etc.). **TOTAL 6/9**

LIBRARY EDITION
8/9 (plus 1/- to cover Carriage, Packing in special carton, Insurance, etc.). **TOTAL 9/9**

Please cross out on left Editions NOT required.

Postal Order No. .... Value .... Date...........
Cross Cheque/Postal Order /& Co./ and make payable to "John Bull."
(Please write your name and address on back of Postal Order.)
WRITE BELOW IN BLOCK LETTERS—GIVE **FULL** POSTAL ADDRESS.

NAME ....
(State Mr., Mrs., or Miss)

FULL POSTAL ADDRESS ....

....

This Privilege Order Form, together with Christmas Voucher, Label on left and Remittance, MUST be enclosed together in a sealed envelope bearing a three halfpenny stamp. Give your name and Full Postal Address very clearly on the Label in BLOCK CAPITALS. *"John Bull," December 8, 1934.*

"Ideal size – perfect flavour – and so smooth!"

Greetings
PICCADILLY
Juniors

That's why you should give

PICCADILLY

Junior SIZE – SENIOR QUALITY

VIRGINIA CIGARETTES

this Christmas!

A delightful Christmas packing

60 for 2/-

TINS OF 30 for 1/- PACKETS OF 15 for 6d and 10 for 4d *Photos of Film Stars in all packings*

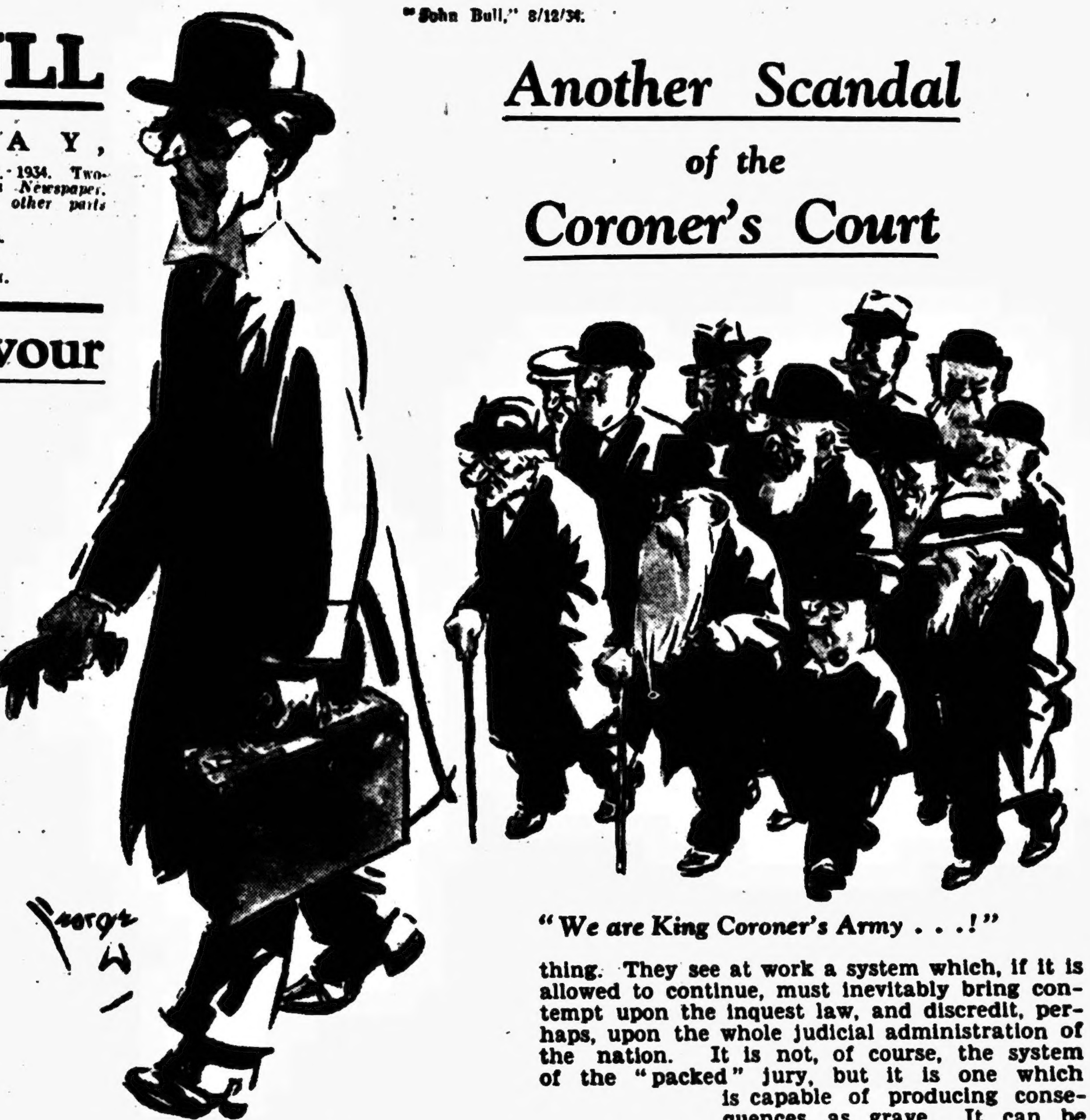
"John Bull," 8/12/34.

JOHN BULL
THURSDAY,
For week ending Saturday, December 8, 1934. Twopence. *Registered at the G.P.O. as a Newspaper. Postage: Inland and Canada, 1d.; all other parts of the world, 1½d.*
93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2.
Telephone: Temple Bar 2468.
Telegrams: Heroically, London.

Without Fear or Favour

Another Scandal of the Coroner's Court

Same Old Jury!



"We are King Coroner's Army . . .!"

FAR more than any other nation, the British people regard the legal and judicial system of their country with respect and admiration. It is a system uncontaminated by social, political, or financial influence, and its triumph is proclaimed by the simple fact that justice is done.

In only one department can it be said that there is no substantial confidence—in the ancient and practically obsolete institution of the Coroner's Court.

Everywhere in the land are to be found families whose sorrow in bereavement has been accentuated by a sense of shame and injustice inflicted upon them in consequence of the loose procedure of the inquest law, and only last week John Bull had to emphasise that the most-needed inquest is one upon coroners themselves.

Learned jurists predict that in another generation the office of coroner will have been abolished in favour of a system of private enquiry similar to that employed in Scotland and in most other countries.

Already the authorities in England have been driven to curb the power of coroners in what had always been regarded as their most important function—the sifting of evidence in cases of suspected murder.

This duty was so generally abused in the manner of its performance that it has had in large part to be taken away from them. Coroners, unfettered by the ordinary rules of evidence and procedure, made such travesty of their public investigation of capital crimes in recent years that they both hindered the work of the police and made it impossible for accused persons to obtain fair trial when they came before judge and jury. The law had to be so drastically amended that now the inquest in cases involving murder charges has become a completely formal and superfluous part of the procedure.

It may be for this reason, inspired by a desire in some other manner to preserve the power and prestige of their office, that a large number of coroners have lately begun to assert their authority much more strongly in other branches of their work. This has been noticeable particularly in the methods they have been employing in examining cases of death which clearly point to possible subsequent claims for compensation or damages being presented to superior tribunals.

☆ ★ ☆

There can be no objection whatever to a system of investigation, by whoever it is conducted, which leads to the whole relevant truth being revealed in such cases. The danger is not there.

It lies in the methods by which so many coroners or their officers have lately, in cases of this kind, been empanelling inquest juries, with whom the final verdict lies and whose decision must inevitably carry immense weight when claims for redress come to be negotiated or to be heard before a higher court.

A solicitor attending a coroner's enquiry the other day pointed his finger to the root of this new danger in judicial administration. This lawyer had no reason to be unnecessarily aggrieved, nor, to use the sporting phrase applied to people who allege foul play when they lose, was he "speaking through his purse."

He waited, in fact, until the inquest was ended and until he had obtained the complete exoneration of his client, who had run down and killed another road-user. Then, in severe terms, he protested against the jury.

His first comment was that the average age of the jurymen was nearer 80 than 75, and he submitted that, for this reason alone, they were totally unfitted to enquire into motoring cases.

In a single sentence the solicitor thus laid bare one of the most extraordinary differences between coroners' and other courts. There is no limit to the age of an inquest juror, whereas in other courts it must not be over 60.

One half of the time of coroners' courts is now occupied with the hearing of the circumstances of road accidents involving, perhaps, large money claims or possible criminal proceedings. Yet no qualifications whatever are required on the part of the jury who have in the first instance to analyse and pronounce a verdict upon most difficult evidence.

They may be and often are men who were well advanced in life before ever they saw a motor car on the roads and who have not the slightest knowledge of traffic risks and conditions. Impartial or expert judgment cannot possibly be expected from juries so constituted, but their decisions can count heavily when subsequent proceedings take place.

☆ ★ ☆

But the solicitor in the case mentioned had another and still more significant remark to make. *It was that the men in the jury-box were becoming quite old friends to him. At inquest after inquest he saw the same people serving.*

This lawyer's experience, however, is not exceptional. Up and down the country people whose business takes them regularly to coroners' courts have recently become aware of the same thing. They see at work a system which, if it is allowed to continue, must inevitably bring contempt upon the inquest law, and discredit, perhaps, upon the whole judicial administration of the nation. It is not, of course, the system of the "packed" jury, but it is one which is capable of producing consequences as grave. It can be called the system of the permanent or hired jury.

Stock juries may be defensible and completely proper if they are composed of expert assessors trained in the translation of technical evidence. But it is vastly different with coroners' courts to-day.

What is actually happening in many places is that coroners, acting unquestionably with a desire not to disturb the business of citizens by summoning them for service, are depending on having at their easy call old-age pensioners or elderly unemployed people for their juries.

Eager to earn the small fee for their attendance, the same group of people of this class regularly and obligingly present themselves at the courts in the certain knowledge that a job awaits them in the jury-box.

The absurdity of this thing will be clear from the fact that in one area in the North of England the same party of a dozen unemployed men follow the coroner about in his division from day to day and from them the jury is usually drawn at his inquests. These men have gone so far as to form a darts team among themselves, and they take advantage of their travels to play matches with other teams at local taverns!

☆ ★ ☆

That, however, is merely a comic side of the situation which is developing. There are far worse possibilities.

Greatest of the menaces opened up by the system of permanent juries of old and unemployed men is the obvious one that they soon become known to the representatives of insurance companies and other parties interested in the financial aspects of the cases coming before them.

In other words, the road to attempts at corruption and buying of verdicts has become unobstructed. The peril already exists. Strange reports of inquest proceedings have been reaching us for months past.

It is a peril to clean justice too clear to need stressing. The principle of summoning jurors from a rota of independent citizens is the true foundation of British justice.

Coroners, however innocent their intentions may be, must be instructed that it cannot be departed from to suit their convenience or purposes. The integrity of British justice will become worthless if the jury system is suspect.

STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER . . .

Enough to Abolish the "Cat" for Ever

We Don't Want Traffic Spies

A Three-feet Room for Two

THE farewell letter left by the Princetown convict, Ernest Collins, who committed suicide the other day because he dreaded the flogging he was to undergo makes very distressing reading.

Hundreds of thousands of people must have felt a cold shudder go through them when they read those terrible words:

"I cannot rest or sleep. Keep starting up feeling the lash across my body. My mind is in agony. God help me."

If ever justification was required for JOHN BULL's persistent campaign against corporal punishment, it is to be found in the mental agony of the man who wrote those words.

The ghastly facts

It seems to us that public opinion must surely have been stirred long ago into demanding the abolition of "cat" sentences, if people had only realised what these ordeals mean.

We have no intention of unduly harrowing the feelings of our readers, but we wish to put them in possession of the true facts, so that they can judge for themselves whether the "cat" deserves a place in the penal system of an enlightened nation.

Significant

Here, then, is what happens to a convict sentenced to be flogged.

The prisoner is first examined by the medical officer to ascertain whether he is physically fit to undergo the punishment.

The certificate has a space set aside wherein it is the duty of the medical officer to certify that the prisoner is *mentally* fit.

One realises the significance of that provision after reading the quotation from the letter given above.

On the triangle

Duly certified, the prisoner is led to the punishment shed

He is stripped to the waist, leather pads are adjusted to protect his kidneys and liver from being cut. He is then strapped to the triangle in such a way that he can see nothing but the wall, and can move neither hands nor feet.

Nine thongs

The whip is composed of nine leather thongs, and the wielder remains throughout invisible to the pinioned man.

By law, the prison governor, medical officer and chief warder, along with an orderly from the prison hospital, are in attendance. The last-named is equipped with brandy.

In extremis

The medical officer interferes only in extreme cases where actual death is to be feared. Otherwise, even when it is apparent that the man's mind is near madness and his body lacerated and blood covered, the full number of strokes prescribed are administered.

The area thus welted stretches from the shoulders to the lower part of the back.

Weeks of agony

A pretty horrible picture all this conjures up. No wonder prison officials themselves dread nothing so much as to have to carry out a flogging sentence. Also, the shrieks of the victim create a state of mental depression throughout the prison that takes weeks to wear off. The "cat" makes no one better.

That is why we are staggered by the statement of the coroner who held the inquest on Ernest Collins.

Barbarous

While admitting that some people thought flogging a barbarous punishment, he declared that others "would say the statement of the deceased and the fear showed in him absolutely justified that particular form of punishment."

The shadow of the "Cat" must be wiped out for ever

We think that if it showed anything, it showed absolutely the opposite.

Anybody who sees in Collins' fear "justification of the punishment" he was about to undergo should fear for his own mental processes.

Snail's progress

We might begin to share the talk about "this age of speed" when the Government shows signs of hustling.

Its idea of tackling the appalling delays in the High Court is to appoint a Royal Commission to enquire into it! Of course, we all know that the best way of solving the congestion would be to appoint more judges.

That has been urged in these columns for years, but our Ministers are suspicious of the obvious. Hence this further delay.

Wanted

It has sometimes been said that we need a Royal Commission to look after all the other Royal Commissions and committees—some of which seem to have been sleeping for years.

We disagree. What we really need is a Royal Commission to decide whether any more commissions should be set up, or whether Ministers should be forced to make up their own minds.

Still waiting

And can you wonder if Professor W. S. Boulton is indignant? Last July, he says, a deputation of scientists and engineers went to the Government and urged a survey of the country's water resources, being anxious to avoid waste and drought.

That, let us repeat, was last July. Well, they are still awaiting a reply.

The Fragrant Minute.

REFLECTORS

A STEEP and winding moorland road, and on a certain wintry night from all the mountain peaks there flowed a swirl of mist both dense and white. This mist was like an angry sprite that danced before the motor car and veiled the road and blurred the light. Said I, "We'll not get very far."

Then suddenly a Twinkle-face, a brilliant, cheery, crimson disc. Of nerves or fear it showed no trace. It smiled and cried, "There is no risk." A yard, perhaps, and then another. Easy to drive with such a guide. It, too, encouraged, like its brother, "Fear not; I'm shining at your side."

Much safer would life's roadway be if we reflected joy and peace. Those in the dark, our light would see, and all their anxious thoughts would cease. A cheery-face along the mile, a merry twinkle and a glow, a veil of gloom pierced by a smile—all these would help a lot, you know.

Wilhelmina Stitch.

"John Bull" copyright.

Wilhelmina Stitch will always be very pleased to hear from JOHN BULL readers. Address letters to her c/o The Editor, JOHN BULL.

Terrible figures

Again, our rulers seem to be forgetting the slum problem now that the novelty has worn off.

We see that thirty new houses were offered in Manchester. Two thousand families applied, and investigation showed that the living conditions of 600 of them were "distressing."

Perhaps such figures don't impress the powers-that-be. So let us reveal what they mean in terms of flesh and blood.

Dear at any price

At Ormskirk, a woman is living in a room only three feet wide. Since it is too small to hold a double bed, the husband has to live at Preston with friends.

The woman's baby has just died, and the inquest revealed that three families are living in this three-bedroomed house, the other occupants being a widow and her two children, and a man, his wife and child. Between them they pay £1 a week.

The real nuisance

At Coalville, an out-of-work miner, his wife and four children are living and sleeping in one room, twelve feet long and eleven wide.

And that poor devil has now been summoned for causing a nuisance.

It seems to us a damnable nuisance that hundreds of thousands of decent people should have to commit such nuisances.

Triple sacrifice

In Jack Cosway, a young unemployed man of Treherbert, Wales has a gallant son of whom she may well be proud.

In order to save his four-year-old niece from the loss of a limb after a street accident, Jack has already submitted to two extensive skin-grafting operations and is awaiting the doctors' call for a third. There is every hope that his sacrifice will not be in vain. And as one good turn deserves another, we hope that his search for work will be equally successful.

Paltry

But once more a good deed has incurred the petty spite of the law.

Reginald Fowler, a Worcester man, dashed to hospital with a badly injured child. He was told that if he had delayed doing so the child would have lost its eyesight.

That doesn't matter to the law. As a result of his dash he has just been fined half-a-crown for riding a bicycle without a light.

A paltry fine maybe, but not so paltry as the conviction.

City forests

As for more serious road matters, we welcome the sound sense of Lord Nuffield. Safety, he says, can "only be brought about by the motorist keeping his eye on the road, and that is becoming totally impossible."

It is. Our streets are littered with signs and warnings to drivers, and if many more are put up the pavements will look like forests.

Some are vitally necessary; most are merely distracting to drivers and so increase the danger they aim at preventing.

Plain clothes spies

And we don't like the idea of sending out plain-clothes policemen to spy on motorists and walkers who might misuse safety lanes.

It isn't hard to think of the abuses which might result from this practice—particularly the chance offered to rogues of extorting money from motorists on the pretence of being plain-clothes traffic police.

No; let the traffic police be in uniform.

Railway death-traps

And what of the railway death-traps—the level crossings whose abolition we have been demanding for more years than we care to count.

The express wrecked the other day, after colliding with a lorry at a blind crossing, added two more deaths to the long roll of tragedies. There have been twenty-one such tragedies this year!

Though Whitehall has now offered to pay part of the cost of sweeping away the crossings, we fear that nothing will be done until the whole of the cost is guaranteed.

Uplift

We have sympathy with the Southgate scavengers who want to be called something else.

Their grievance was looked upon as a joke by the Southgate Council. But, after all, scavenger isn't a nice word, and it carries implications.

Besides, we are all on the up-grade nowadays. Typists are "secretaries" and shop-girls "lady assistants."

So why not give the scavengers a rise!

Start in life

We wonder if the Gateshead butcher who paid a boy of sixteen 6s. a week ever offered up the prayer, "Lead us not into temptation"?

The boy admitted embezzlement, but the magistrates expressed their feelings by binding him over and giving him a pair of new boots.

Our feeling is an intense regret that the butcher couldn't be put in the dock as "an accessory before the fact."

Asking for it

Pretty similar is the case of the fifteen-year-old girl at Sutton Coldfield, who had to work from eight in the morning till seven at night for 7s. 6d. a week. She, too, was tempted to embezzle.

Will the exploitation of children never be dealt with as the crime it so plainly is?

Hatred? No demand!

We don't think any tears will be shed outside Germany over the disbandment of the Liverpool society for "resistance to Jewish monopoly."

Having sneered at their fellow-citizens for "lacking in racial sense," the founders have decided to go out of business, thereby showing a little sense themselves.

In trying to stir up the muddy waters of religious intolerance and race hatred they have dirtied none but themselves.

362 Radio

In the photograph of the premises of the Imperial Radio and Electrical Company, which accompanied our criticism of this firm in our issue of October 27, various wireless accessories appeared, and, among them, a showcard of the 362 Radio Valve Company, Ltd.

Needless to say, this well-known Company was in no way connected with the Imperial Radio and Electrical Company. The inclusion of the card in the photograph was an unfortunate coincidence for which we express our regret.

The CURSE on our Children

Too much of this and—

— too little of this?

by an Ex-Schoolmaster

"IF I were a Dictator I would put into concentration camps all teachers who set excessive homework."

Brave words, written by a former Education Minister! My heart so warmed to Mr. Lees Smith when I read them that I almost forgave him for having done nothing about it when he was at the Board of Education.

For, with that assertion, he was expressing the sentiments of thousands of parents who are made almost as miserable as their children by the ridiculous and unnecessary infliction of excessive overtime. (The teachers call it homework.)

Here I am interrupted by the old, old rejoinder of the masters and mistresses: "Excessive! The homework is carefully graded to suit the age and strength of the child. Under ten—half an hour; under twelve—three-quarters; under fourteen . . ." Haven't you heard them? Haven't you read it in the prospectuses of schools?

I was a schoolmaster for twelve years, and I can say flatly that such grading simply does not exist.

How could it? No two children are alike. I was near to the top of my forms at school, but I took twice as long over my homework as other boys. I was a slower worker. Scores of nights I worked four hours of this damnable overtime, shut away from the family circle with my books, or, worse still, struggling to concentrate amid the others making the happy noises of freedom.

* * *

How much more distracting are those noises now! The wireless has doubled the torture of homework-ridden youth. And it is the clever child from the poor home who suffers most, for there is no warm room to which he can retreat. Could any single one of his teachers write essays in a room full of voices, real and broadcast? Or do problems with the jazz blaring?

Why *should* our boys and girls do this overtime? They come home tired—as we do—at the end of the day, they have their evening meal, and what then? We relax, thanking heaven we've finished for the day.

But our boys at secondary schools have put in as full a day *for their age* as we have. The schoolgirl is as tired at the day's end, *for her age*, as her elder sister in office or store. Yet they must set to again and work till bed-time; for they must go to bed early—if they have finished.

What would be your attitude and mine to our employers if we had overtime nearly every night? Don't we feel aggrieved when our evenings are broken into by it? Is it surprising then if many of our boys and girls dislike both their tasks and their taskmasters?

Watch them on the trains and 'buses going to and from their municipal and county schools, a bulging satchel of tasks the inseparable companion of every one of them.

How many of those over thirteen look really fit? Every other one bears in his or her face the signs of lack of fresh air, exercise and relaxation. Even in the train there is no rest for the more anxious ones: they are bent over their dull manuals.

Schoolmasters (in chorus): "Your human boy knows better than to allow himself to be overworked. Your conscientious girl may stay up late, but what a boy can't do he will dodge."

Apart from the staleness of this *cliché*, it is rubbish. There are thousands of lads working two or three hours a night on these artificial tasks because they believe it is their job to obey orders, because they dislike the petty penalties that evasion of homework brings, or because they are ambitious enough to want to head their classes.

Are any of these reasons things to be ashamed of?

In case you think I am exaggerating the callousness of the schools in this matter, let us look at some resolutions passed by the Assistant Masters' Association on the subject of homework. At their annual conference some four or five years ago strong attacks on excessive homework were made, and so determined was the conference that the scandal should cease that these motions were put, and solemnly carried:

> Homework should be set for not more than five evenings a week.
>
> The maximum homework times per evening should be: Under twelve, 40 minutes; twelve to fourteen, 1½ hours; fourteen to sixteen, 2 hours; over sixteen, no rigid time-table.

If this was reform, what in heaven's name was the plight of their pupils before? And there is no evidence that even these reforms have ever been effected.

Now imagine the scene at a Trade Union conference if the executive put forward a resolution that no man should work two hours overtime "more than five nights a week"!

If other businesses can manage without incessant overtime, why not the business of education?

If a factory worked its adolescents overtime —even if "only five evenings a week"—there would be a public outcry at once. Why then do we tolerate precisely the same infliction upon the adolescents employed in our education factories?

* * *

Can it be that the heads have not been warned? Listen to this from an annual report of the L.C.C. on Public Health:

> "The fact that definite deterioration in health takes place during the period of secondary education must give all concerned with the adolescent age furiously to think."

The medical officers, says the report, were accordingly asked to report on over-pressure in schools. They found none in elementary schools —other than central schools. (*Homework is set in central schools.*) But the report continues:

> "In the secondary schools there are many individual children who are considered to suffer from overpressure. The adverse influences most frequently contributing to this result are held to be homework and long-distance travel to school.
>
> "It is clear that school authorities who set work which is not done under their immediate supervision take upon themselves a very heavy responsibility. It is their duty to ensure that in the twenty-four hours there is not only time for work, meals, physical exercises and sufficient sleep, but also for healthful relaxations and recreation."

That report is five years old. Have its warnings been heeded? Ninety-nine out of a hundred of the parents concerned would answer "No."

Why ninety-nine? Who is the hundredth? He is that execrable father, so proudly quoted by teachers, who says "I am grateful for homework, as it keeps my lad occupied in the evening."

Does anyone have to keep the father occupied?

The schoolmasters now bring out their trump card: "But we couldn't possibly get through the syllabuses for the external examinations if our pupils did not work at home."

* * *

If that were true, it would merely prove that the syllabuses are overloaded and that the examinations should be made a simpler and less pedantic test of a school-leaver's ability.

But it is not true. Several headmasters and headmistresses have proved that the humane curtailment or even abolition of homework has so increased the buoyancy and happiness of their pupils that the examination successes have increased.

What boy would not prefer to stay longer in school and have his "prep." supervised, if he could come home to an evening's freedom from the grindstone?

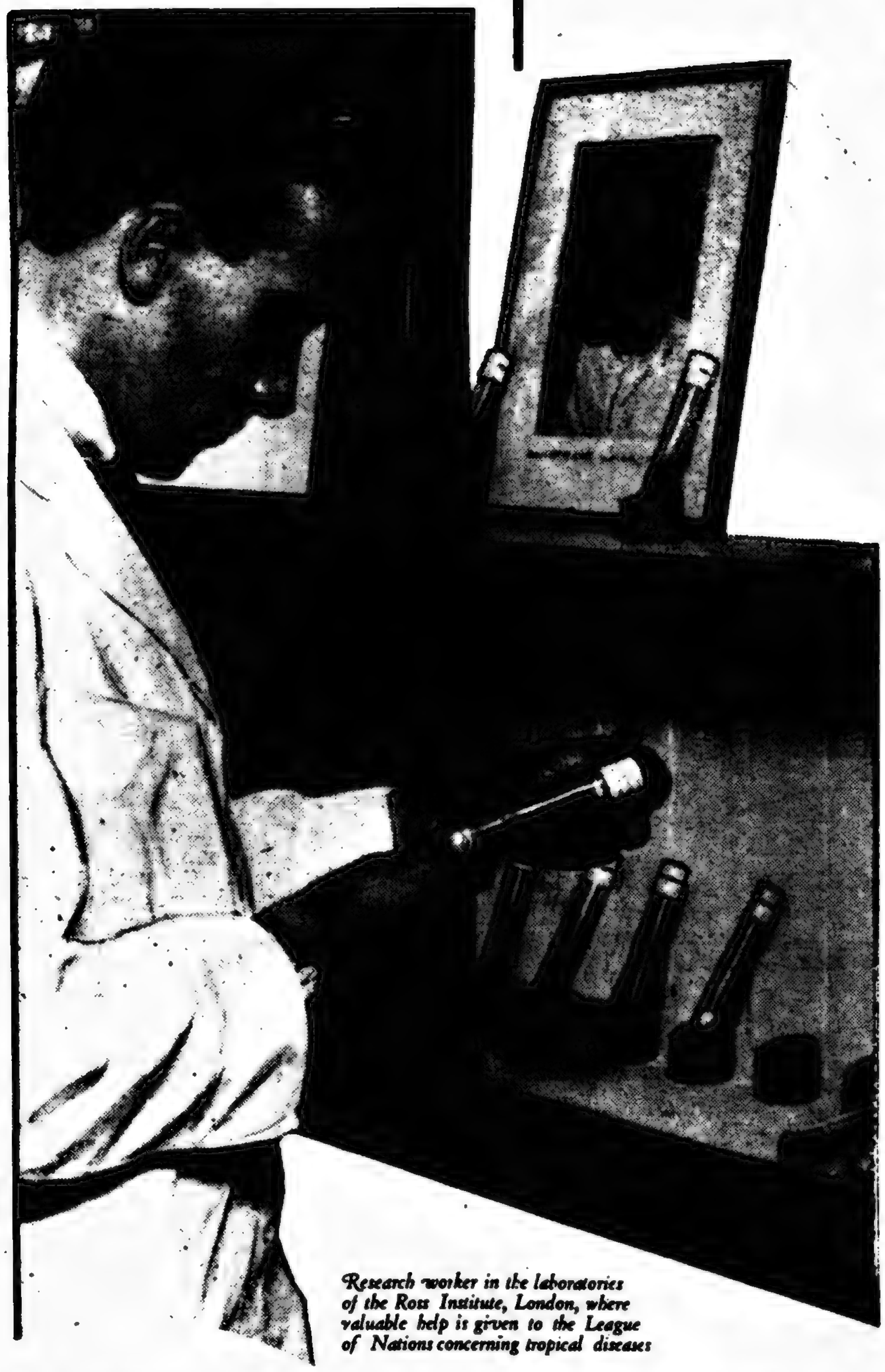
From our pockets come the mounting millions of the Education Estimates. That money goes to implant in our sons and daughters the desire for knowledge.

Yet in countless homes boys and girls are learning to dislike learning because of their hatred of the incessant homework. They are living for the day—or the evening—when at last they will be quit, like father and elder brother, of book learning for ever!

Could any system be more cunningly devised to destroy the very thing it sets out to create?

Is it not time that an official enquiry was ordered into the whole business? If the Board of Education called for the evidence of parents, the disclosures would shock the conscience of the nation.

DOCTOR—



Research worker in the laboratories of the Ross Institute, London, where valuable help is given to the League of Nations concerning tropical diseases

FASTER travel for human beings also means faster travel for germs! That is a problem that has to be faced to-day owing to the world-wide speeding up of transport.

How many people thought at the time of the recent London—Melbourne air race that, while it is possible for man to transport himself from England to Australia in less than three days, and to India in a day, it is equally possible for the germs of disease to transport themselves at the same speed.

Not a pleasant thought, although not one that need unduly alarm us. For the World's Doctor has its eye on them

Thanks to his unsleeping day-and-night vigilance, it is impossible for death-dealing germs to embark on those long-distance aeroplanes that bridge continents in regular service—and so threaten Britain with terrible Eastern contagions and other countries of the world with diseases always regarded as foreign to them.

Wherever you start an air journey now, you will be required to be inoculated against any virulent epidemic that might be raging at any point where you might touch.

If you were going to Persia, for instance, during one of her outbreaks of the disease that once wiped out London—Black Plague—you would find yourself met by a Persian doctor with a hypodermic syringe in his hand, unless you took the precaution of being inoculated against plague before leaving England.

In this and in hundreds of other ways does the World's Doctor protect not merely the high-speed travellers of this bustling age—for they are not the only people to study—but the vast populations which they might infect.

The World's Doctor is, in more prosaic language, the Health Organisation of the League of Nations, the executive of which consists of public health specialists and experts of various nationalities.

It concerns itself with all health problems of an international character, and is also always ready to give advice to any Government that is concerned with some health problem of its own.

Flying pestilence

This is what happened two years ago when the Government of the Union of South Africa discussed with the League's specialists the problem of yellow fever in relation to the new air-services that were beginning to cross Africa, north to south and east to west.

It was feared that the spread of air travel might also mean the more rapid spread of the dread yellow fever.

So it was decided, as a result of that consultation, not only to continue, but to augment, the anti-yellow fever measures formerly applied in the affected West African countries. Also that those countries at present believed to be immune from the disease should take more effective precautions at centres like air termini to minimise risks of the spread of the disease.

How very easy it is to import infection is illustrated by what happened some time ago to the peasants of the Volga Valley in Russia.

During a famine there many peasants left the Valley for Turkestan to buy wheat, and after a long journey they found it. But they also found malignant malarial fever.

"Fever halls"

And when they returned to their homes in the Volga Valley the following year, they imported it with them. Result: the entire Valley was swept by a terrible epidemic of malignant malaria, a scourge hitherto unknown in that part

It was the first time the mosquitoes there had been infected by the germs. The scourge has since remained, and is likely to, though the World's Doctor has his eye on it to keep it from spreading and, if possible, to eliminate it.

But that was Russia, you say. No chance of any such thing as a malarial mosquito thriving here. And yet let us examine what League of Nations investigators have discovered about our own country.

There are in Britain homes just as capable of harbouring the anopheles associated with malaria as some of those houses in different Indian cantonments that are so notoriously malarious that they are known in malarial countries by the name of "fever halls."

Since the war observations have been kept on some old cottages near a common in Surrey. These cottages are dark, have a stable temperature, are free from draughts and are full of gloomy recesses. When cobwebs are present, and food is exposed, all the conditions that the malarial mosquitoes enjoy, and which keep them alive and breeding, are present.

All that is necessary is to infect the malarial mosquito *with* malaria, so to speak.

The anopheles are already there. They breed abundantly on the ponds of the common. As a matter of fact, they were kept under observation, and some very interesting discoveries were made.

It was noticed that when they winged their way into new houses in the district they came out within a few minutes. Conditions in such nice houses are intolerable to them.

But when they went into these cottages that reproduce the characteristics of "fever halls," they settled in the rafters, sought out the most cobwebbed corners, and waited for the night, which is the time when mosquitoes bite—and when the family is all present to be bitten.

If those mosquitoes had become infected they could have carried the contagion.

And it would be easy for that to happen if it were not for the great preventive work of the World's Doctor of whom we write.

In many parts of Britain such anopheles—and such cottages for supporting them—have been found.

During the war, when it was impossible to avoid an occasional soldier carrying an Eastern infection about with him, an outbreak of tertian malaria occurred at Queenborough, in Kent. There were thirty-two cases before the Health and Army authorities got the epidemic under control.

A recent health statement by the World's Doctor shows that sixteen of those cases occurred in six houses, five of them in one house *with intervals in between*. And those houses were what any doctor in India or other malarial country would call "malaria houses."

But the World's Doctor sees to it that those anopheles will never carry malaria in this country, if he can help it.

Broadcast warning

Then, take the peril of plague in India and China, and of cholera in Japan. In this connection the League's Health Organisation has established a branch office at Singapore, where quarantine measures are organised.

The Governments in East Africa, India, the Malay Archipelago, the Dutch East Indies, China, Japan, Australia, the Philippines and the South Pacific Islands now send to this Singapore office every week statements as to the number of cases of infectious diseases that have occurred in each country during the preceding week.

No fewer than 165 ports now circulate this weekly record of infection in order to check the spread of travel-borne disease.

Moreover, based on these reports, a weekly broadcast is made from the Government Wireless Station in the Dutch East Indies, stating which

DIDDLING DEBT COLLECTION

SMALL tradesmen in various parts of the country are again suffering from the activities of the debt-collecting concerns which volunteer to collect outstanding accounts on a commission basis.

The International Debt Recovery Company, late of Polygon Buildings, Ardwick Green, and now of London Road, Manchester, has been particularly active recently. It is controlled by Harry Garnett Roscoe.

Canvassers call on tradespeople and offer to "save them further worry" by collecting outstanding debts.

It is all so simple, and the title of International Debt Recovery Company suggests an important organisation which establishes confidence.

A Birmingham reader two years ago put debts amounting to £3 11s. into its hands, with depressing results.

He has written to the company time and again asking for payment of money due, but his letters are ignored.

Another small trader handed over debts amounting to £4 12s. 3d. After months of delay he eventually succeeded in obtaining £2 13s. 3d., the balance by this time having been swallowed up in "commission and expenses."

In yet another instance, after prolonged dunning, the International Debt Recovery Company produced an account showing that out of £4 10s. 3d. collected, 50 per cent. of this sum had evaporated in commission and expenses.

A large number of canvassers are employed by him to persuade tradesmen to hand over bad debts for collection

But tradesmen will be much better advised to do their own debt collecting. they will then at least be sure of the sum collected. Nor will they have to pay commission and expenses out of all proportion to the amount collected.

—to the WORLD!

THE PLAGUE FASTER TRAVEL MUSTN'T BRING

A League of Nations medical man examines just a few of the thousands of pilgrims to Mecca. Appalling outbreaks of disease were common before this service was instituted

Dr. Ludwig Rajchman, of Poland, is Director of the Health Section of the League of Nations

ports are infected with plague, smallpox, malaria.

Ships picking up these messages at sea are able to know which ports to avoid, when that is possible; and the health authorities in the ports are warned in readiness for any ship arriving from an infected area.

Lurking scourge

It was the League's Health Organisation that despatched a medical officer, at the request of the Greek Government, when there was an outbreak of Dengue fever in Athens some time ago; 90 per cent. of the population was affected. All transport and postal services were stopped as nine workers in every ten were stricken, and even fires had to burn themselves out as there was no one to attend to the fire engines.

That epidemic was controlled by the World's Doctor; otherwise it would most certainly have extended to other Mediterranean countries.

The dread leprosy . . . he is watching that, because while so far there are luckily only isolated cases in Europe, this scourge is a very real menace in South America and the East.

Recently the League's specialists considered how this terrible affliction might spread as the result of the new and faster means of transport. One result was that in countries where leprosy is rampant more humane and effective diagnosis and early treatment were advocated, as against the usual policy of segregation, which generally means that the doomed sufferers, fearing segregation, hide the disease until they are in its final stages.

A special Leprosy Commission exists to give advice, to any Government requiring it, on the best type of leper hospital to build or the most efficient methods of running a leper colony. In addition there is a laboratory at Rio de Janeiro, working in co-operation with the Brazilian Government, to fight this menace.

Health passports

Sleeping sickness, not to be confused with European sleepy sickness, is another most fatal disease, carried by a certain fly, and existing extensively in British, French and Belgian Central African possessions. Increased facilities for the transport of natives meant increased facilities for these flies also.

Remember that an air liner might be carrying working parties of natives somewhere in Africa one week and be in Europe the next. More and more native parties are being transported by air. And as the range of aeroplanes increases, it becomes less necessary to operate long-distance services with a number of machines, each carrying out a small stage of the journey.

These are developments that are always being carefully watched.

Such research laboratories as the Ross Institute and Society of Tropical Medicine in London are making constant discoveries which help the League to safeguard the world's health.

Now the World's Doctor has set up a commission, which has worked out a satisfactory system of compulsory passports for all natives travelling from one sleepy sickness district to another. In addition to this research work concerning the disease continues, and special treatment centres have been set up.

Saving the pilgrims

Commissions are not only studying and comparing the causes of death among infants, but also among adults, so that for the first time in history death certificates are comparable internationally. This is most valuable, for it means that the prevalence of diseases like cancer or tuberculosis in certain countries can be compared with the conditions of life there, and much useful information obtained.

It is in this spirit of co-ordination that the Health Organisation of the League arranges individual study tours for medical officers. Thus, for example, an English medical officer specially interested in the provision of clean milk might be given a grant to enable him to study conditions in the chief milk-producing countries of the world.

Consider what is likely to happen when every year more than 100,000 devout Mahommedans make the pilgrimage to Mecca!

The congregation of so many pilgrims at the Holy places of Arabia, with their fouled and scanty water supplies, usually means an outbreak of cholera. In fact, no fewer than twenty-seven severe cholera epidemics have taken place within eighty years.

At Mecca, pilgrims from Turkestan and the Caspian, from Northern and Western Africa, as well as the countries of the Levant, meet thousands of others from areas which are or have been cholera centres—India, Malaya, the Dutch East Indies, and so on.

Now, through the League's health organisation, an elaborate means of dealing with the problem has been worked out. Provision is made for examination and vaccination of the pilgrims before departure. For ships coming to the Red Sea from the South there is an inspection at Kamaran, an island with a well-equipped sanitary station, now maintained by agreement between the Governments of British India and the Dutch East Indies.

Watchful eye

Pilgrims travelling by land routes or air carry sanitary passports, and there is inter-communication between the various authorities concerned for the strictest precautions at the frontiers. Those pilgrims who return northwards are examined at the quarantine station at El Tor, on the Sinai Peninsula. . . .

No, quicker travel must not bring with it the quicker spread of disease.

Because it is not going to be allowed to do so, we have to thank largely the watchful eye of the World's Doctor.

The Human Machine

The Greater Courage

THERE are three courses always open to anyone. He may do a thing. He may do the opposite of that thing. He may refrain from doing anything.

It's not a riddle. It's not particularly cryptic. It's just a simple statement of fact. We do not always realise the real implications of these possibilities.

Human beings are fundamentally lazy. We all need to keep watch on ourselves if we are to achieve anything. To do nothing, when we are faced with a difficult decision, is always a strong temptation.

To act; to make positive decisions, to stride out boldly along what we believe to be the right course, is not always easy. But it is always desirable.

To do the right thing, knowing it to be the right thing, is easier by far than to do the right thing hoping that we are right.

When you know quite definitely that you're right, action is easy. When you only hope you're right, positive action often needs a deal of moral courage. An old poet once wrote:—

"All are not just because they do no wrong:
But he who will not wrong me when he may,
He is the truly just. I praise not those
Who in their petty dealings pilfer not,
But him, whose conscience spurns at secret fraud,
When he might plunder and defy surprise.
His be the praise who, looking down with scorn,
On the false judgment of the partial herd,
Consults his own clear heart and boldly dares
To be, not to be thought, an honest man."

It may be, it is, true that we are what we think. But we cannot be known by our thoughts. We are known by our deeds—or by the lack of them. The Pharisees, you will remember, thanked God that they were not as other men—but that was only their own opinion of themselves. By their deeds they proved themselves to be just as other men—and worse.

There are times when to refrain from acting is more courageous than to act. To do right is often no more than to avoid doing wrong.

But to be right—whether through action or inaction—means to think courageously, to think independently and to be, at all costs, yourself.

THE NEW BUSH
UPRIGHT GRAND
Super-het
The New
UPRIGHT
GRAND
SUPERHET
15 ★
GNS.

A selective, long range set with SUPERLATIVE TONE

FILMGOERS are familiar with the high quality of sound equipment in Gaumont-British Cinemas. Bush Superhets are Gaumont-British products, so their fine tone is naturally one of their outstanding features. Even so, Bush Engineers have constantly sought improvement, and the Upright Grand is their latest advance. It incorporates a larger and more powerful loudspeaker mounted on an inclined baffle board, necessitating the use of a larger cabinet of special design.

Not without reason has this new model been called the Upright Grand — its full rich tone is reminiscent of a grand piano, but it must be heard to be fully appreciated. Nothing has been sacrificed on the score of range and selectivity. The Bush Upright Grand will bring you all the programmes you could desire, and moreover at its price of 15 guineas it is remarkably good value.

Bush Radio is sold only by Appointed Dealers specially chosen because we know that you can depend on them for reliable advice and service.

★ A three-valve (excluding rectifier) five stage Superhet with seven tuned circuits and delayed A.V.C., full vision tuning scale, 3 watt output, large diameter moving coil speaker mounted on inclined baffle. In the design of this Bush model purity of tone has been the primary consideration—the speaker, cabinet and baffle closely approximate to the acoustically perfect combination. **15 GNS**

FOR LESS than 5/- a week you can obtain a Bush Superhet

Post coupon for details

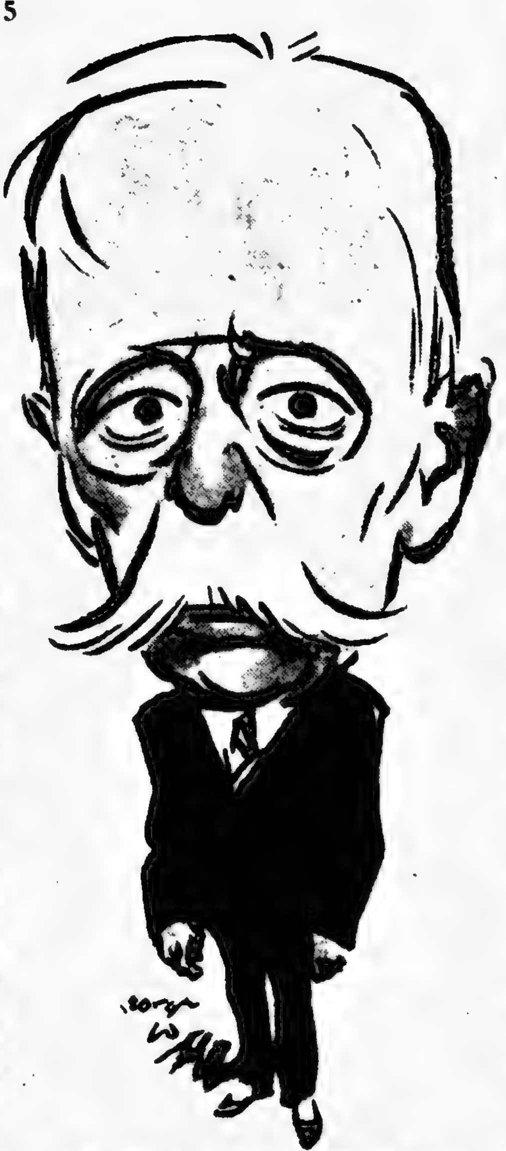
GAUMONT - BRITISH IS THE 'POWER BEHIND THE TONE' OF

BUSH RADIO

Cut out this coupon, pin to a sheet of notepaper. Write your name and address and send to Bush Radio, Ltd., Woodger Road, Shepherd's Bush, W.12, and we will send you the name of your nearest dealer with full details of Bush mains and battery Superhets from £10.19.6. JB4

Poor Little Rich Man!

Hannen Swaffer's Open Letter to Samuel Insull



MY DEAR INSULL,—You may be surprised to know it, but sometimes I feel sorry for you. Although you have been acquitted on one series of charges, you now await trial for other alleged breaches of the law. Whether you are acquitted, or whether you go back to prison, it means the end of you as a great power. For now you are a deposed emperor, without an empire, and without money and without reputation.

When, a few months back, I visited Cook County Jail, just outside Chicago, the great city where you reigned as a king, they showed me the prison cell in which you had been kept for three days before you were bailed out. Only a few months before, you had reigned uncontrolled over "Insulland," as they called it, stocks and securities worth £600,000,000, stocks that earned, in 1929, no less than £100,000,000 in profits!

Then came the slump. And you ran away to Greece. Then you ran away from Greece, for Abyssinia, they said. They caught you and took you home, and, when you arrived in Chicago, your homecoming was witnessed by thousands of small people who had been ruined by your collapse.

Sometimes in England, as ratepayers, we fail to obtain control over our own town's water supply or its gas or its tramways. We wonder why it is. Your collapse has given us an idea. . . .

* * *

Things may not be as bad in this country. They could not be. But, whether you are acquitted or whether a jury finds you guilty, a Federal Trade Commission, sitting in Washington, has heard evidence which proved that hundreds of newspapers were in your pay, that your agents banqueted them, gave them liberal advertising, "particularly," declared the *Editor and Publisher* of New York, "in sections contemplating municipally owned plants or where the trust wanted to buy a municipal plant."

Although Chicago was your headquarters, you sought to operate as far away as Florida, in the far-distant south. There, your interests, this evidence declared, sought to get through the local legislature a Bill repealing a State statute which prohibited the granting of franchises to utility companies for longer than thirty years.

"There is no reason why utilities should not have perpetual franchises as long as they behave themselves," declared Peter O. Knight, your trust's agent. "Everything was fixed until the *Jacksonville Journal* came out with a scare editorial entitled 'A Monstrous Proposal,' which was deliberately placed on the front page and sent to every member of the legislature."

The attack came just in time. Private ownership was defeated.

Col. Chantland told the Commission at Washington that electric and gas companies of the kind which you controlled formerly paid one firm of publicity agents 84,820 dollars annually for sending to 12,784 newspapers a publication which boosted Big Business and 'which pointed to failures of municipally owned utilities or told of the success of privately operated utilities and the 'dangers' of publicly owned plants."

Not only were newspapers used. Evidence was given of "innumerable instances of contributions, by the Insull utilities, to universities, private schools, churches, local civic groups, American Legion posts, Boy Scout troops, and a host of other organisations, as well as accounts of efforts of the utilities to furnish speakers to address these organisations."

"These speeches, of course," said the *Editor and Publisher*, "always concerned utilities, emphasising the purity of privately owned plants and attacking public plants."

Yes, yours is an interesting story—that of a poor boy who went from Washington, got in with Edison, obtained financial power and, with his foot firmly on the ladder of financial success, started on a wide policy of amalgamation. You spread out from the Middle West, and then you spread further. Your companies bought up, or smashed, rival concerns with ruthlessness. Your collapse, when it came, was of a financial importance on a parallel with a collapse of Ivar Kreuger.

Naturally, you made enemies. They started to obtain control of areas surrounding those supplied by your concerns. Then came the Wall Street smash They attacked your securities. There was a heavy fall in your shares. You were forced to raise loans. You were forced to sell. Then, when bankers demanded repayment, your career was at an end. You ran. They caught you.

⁂ ⁂ ⁂

Anti-Socialists have praised the "paternalism" of your business methods, how you helped the 50,000 employees of your 150 companies to buy shares in the concerns employing them! Now they do not know what to say, for, because of your collapse, thousands of these small people have lost the larger part of their savings. Many of them are ruined.

Now, you did not invent the system. You were a prize example of Smiles' 'Self-Help" policy, getting on, getting rich, owning the earth. From your point of view, towns have no right to run their own gas or sell their own power. That was your perquisite.

But, to-day, you are wondering whether your empire was worth while.

When I was in Chicago, I met a man who had recently been talking to your son, Samuel Insull II.

"My son, Samuel III, has only 60,000 dollars left him from his mother's side," he said. "That is enough for him. Anyway, it came clean. Father and I have nothing

"I would never fly high again. The responsibility was too great. The load was too much to carry. It wasn't worth while. Men won't seek to build up another Empire of Money."

I wonder. . . .

You may not. But others, boasted "individualists," enemies of common ownership, will try. It is a fight between the people with your views, and the people with mine. In the end, my side will win For yours is the selfish way.

CANDID COMMUNICATIONS

THE COUNTY COUNCILLORS,
Inverness-shire

SKINFLINTS,—Your shameful meanness is to be reported to the Scottish Department of Health, and I hope you receive the censure you deserve.

Rather than allow an extra half-crown a week to Mrs. McLean, a Skye centenarian, you have decided to send her to the poorhouse to end her days as a pauper.

Her son is no longer able to support her, and your allowance of 5s. is not enough for her nursing. But—"Take 5s. or go to the poorhouse" is your ultimatum.

Humanity apart, won't it cost more than 5s. to keep her in the workhouse?

JOHN BULL.

Sir B. EYRES-MONSELL,
First Lord of the Admiralty

DEAR SIR BOLTON,—I wonder how you will explain why, when so many British ships are anchored in idleness, a Dutch ship is being chartered to carry naval stores from Grangemouth to our chief naval bases?

It will take a lot of explaining to satisfy the indignant British shipowners —and

JOHN BULL.

Mr. JOHN PHIMISTER, Findochtie: Though you lost leg in war, you dived in harbour on dark night and saved boy. Once a hero, always a hero.—JOHN BULL.

Mr. PATRICK BRAYBROOKE,
Deepdene Vale, Dorking

EXALTED SIR,—Charged with travelling by rail without a ticket, you failed to appear in the police court, but referred the Chichester magistrates to your entry in "Who's Who" and loftily enquired, "Can it be likely that a person in my position would wish to defraud?"

Evidently they remained quite unmoved, for they fined you £2 and a guinea costs. Yes, and you deserved a bit more for your confounded cheek.

JOHN BULL.

Sir STEPHEN KILLIK,
Lord Mayor of London

MY LORD MAYOR,—The other week you attended no fewer than five ceremonial dinners, to say nothing of lunches. I hear you are getting afraid that too many functions of this kind may upset you for your duties.

Well, why not pass on the invitations to a deputy? Mr J. H. Thomas would be glad to help you out, I'm sure.

JOHN BULL.

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE,
Sheffield

GENTLEMEN,—Soon you will be examining the mine workings over which you propose to build a school for 1,520 children.

Well, as horses and cattle and at least one tractor have disappeared in holes near by, and plans for a new housing estate have had to be withdrawn owing to the danger, I suggest you look elsewhere.

JOHN BULL.

Mr. J. E. GROSVENOR,
Kidderminster

DEAR SIR,—Though "bored by betting," you have successfully opposed the suggestion that racing news should be blacked-out in the public library newspapers.

For you fail to see why "people should be deprived of reading the racing section while Parliament allows the sport to continue."

Just so. Why should prudes be allowed to step where Parliament fears to tread?

JOHN BULL.

Mr. J. S. MIDDLETON,
Transport House, London

DEAR JIM,—Your appointment as secretary of the Labour Party was generally expected and generally welcomed. You have been one of the hardest workers in the Party since it was formed, and I can't think of anyone better qualified to take "Uncle Arthur's" place.

Go ahead, and show to the public the sterling qualities which everybody who knows you intimately has appreciated for many, many years.

JOHN BULL.

Dr. WOOSNAM,
Cardiff High School

DEAR HEADMASTER,—You are going to organise a parents' society to help in deciding the careers of boys at your school. That's a good idea—but don't let parents have it all their own way.

Let the boys attend the meetings to voice their wishes. JOHN BULL.

Rev. J. F. G. GLOSSOP,
Shoreham-by-Sea

DEAR VICAR,—I am glad those four lads whom you banned from Sunday school for being naughty managed to attend despite your edict

If only angels went to Sunday school, what would be the use of it?

JOHN BULL.

Mr. A. VERAAT, Holland: You're coming to London to try to cure fogs. Hope it keeps fine for you!—JOHN BULL.

Mrs. ELSIE RUTH WHITE,
Strood, Kent

MADAM,—Your kind—the dancing-mad type—is unfit for motherhood. Two months' imprisonment has rightly been meted out to you for the neglect of your children, a boy of three years and a little girl only eighteen months old.

Dancing and the "pictures," with the children left to others! What a picture that conjures up. What a foolish young woman at twenty-six years of age!

JOHN BULL.

THOMAS EVELYN HAYWOOD,
Sheffield

FIEND,—One of the most terrible outrages I have ever known was your act of tying signal wires and placing stones and luggage trucks in the path of a Scottish express, which was saved only by seconds

Two years' imprisonment is all too short a sentence for you; I marvel even more why it should be "without hard labour."

JOHN BULL.

Councillor J. EARNSHAW,
Bingley, Yorkshire

DEAR SIR,—You are voicing the ratepayers' indignation at the notion that because a man is a professional cricketer he has a special claim to employment in the council's electricity department

I admit that a good cricketer may also be a good electrician. But I know that Bingley has plenty of unemployed electricians who would have been glad of a job that has been given to a stranger.

I don't think your colleagues on the council will find anything in the rules of cricket to justify such an appointment.

JOHN BULL.

BOLSOMS' GREAT XMAS OFFERS!

AMAZING FURNITURE VALUES

THERE ARE ONLY 10 SHOPPING DAYS TO XMAS.

THESE SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERS WILL SOON BE EXHAUSTED. TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY. CALL OR POST YOUR ORDER AT ONCE!

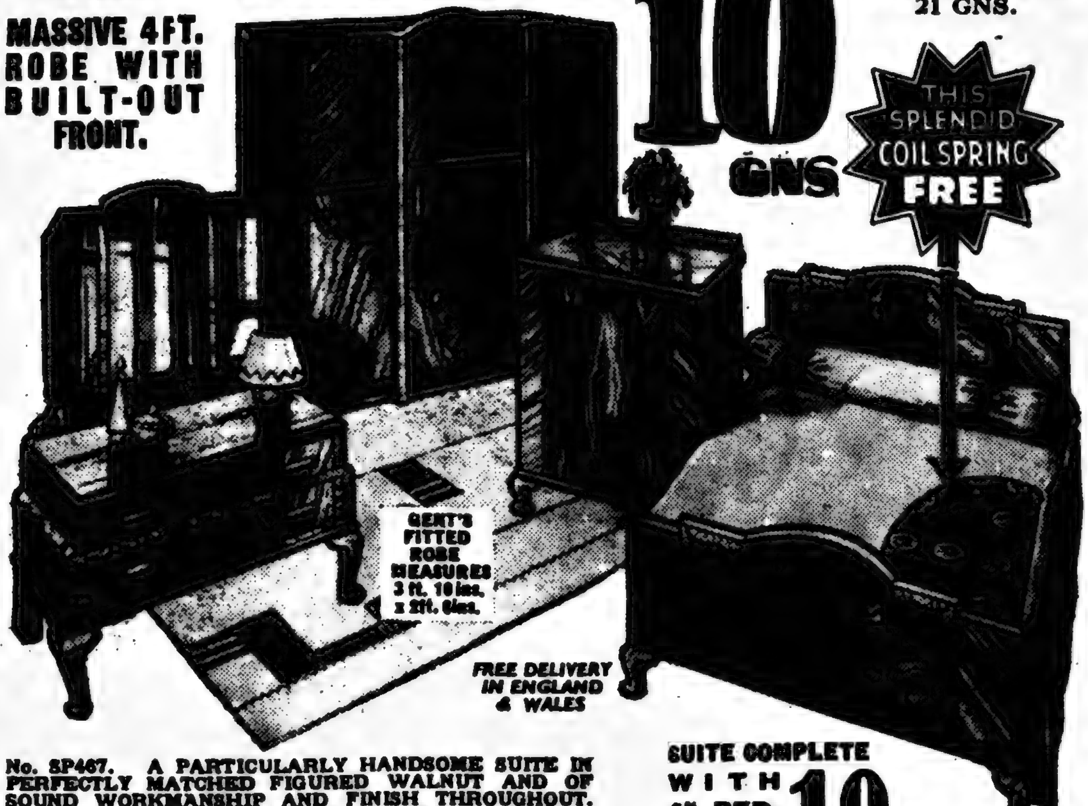
MAGNIFICENT 4 FT. WALNUT 4-PIECE SUITE

MASSIVE 4FT. ROBE WITH BUILT-OUT FRONT.

10 GNS

THIS SUITE IS EASILY WORTH 21 GNS.

THIS SPLENDID COIL SPRING FREE


GENT'S FITTED ROBE MEASURES 3 ft. 10 ins. x 2 ft. 6 ins.
FREE DELIVERY IN ENGLAND & WALES

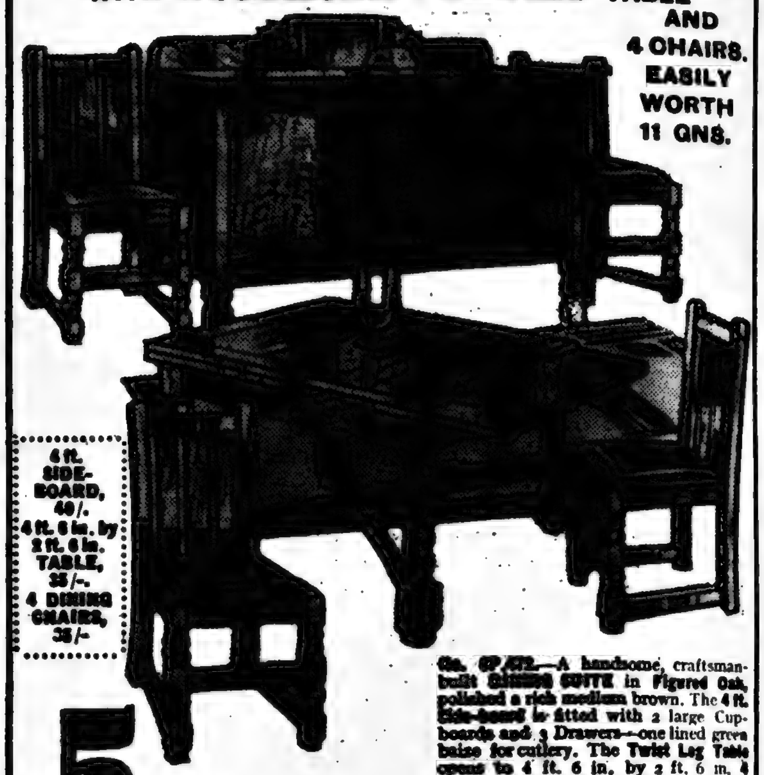
No. SP467. A PARTICULARLY HANDSOME SUITE IN PERFECTLY MATCHED FIGURED WALNUT AND OF SOUND WORKMANSHIP AND FINISH THROUGHOUT. THE 4 ft. ROBE HAS A BUILT-OUT FRONT AND THE INSIDE OF THE DOOR IS FITTED WITH A MIRROR 3 ft. 6 ins. IN LENGTH. THE DOUBLE-TIER DRESSING TABLE MEASURES 3 ft. 3 ins. WIDE. THE GENT'S FITTED ROBE IS FITTED WITH SLIDING HANGER RAIL AND IS 3 ft. 10 ins. HIGH BY 2 ft. 6 ins. WIDE.

SUITE COMPLETE WITH 4ft. BEDSTEAD 10 GNS.

Coil Spring Mattress given FREE. Overlay Mattress supplied at 20/- Extra.

HANDSOME OAK DINING SUITE WITH 4ft. SIDEBOARD - DRAWLEAF TABLE AND 4 CHAIRS.

EASILY WORTH 11 GNS.



4 ft. SIDEBOARD, 40/.
4 ft. 6 in. by 2 ft. 6 in. TABLE, 35/-.
4 DINING CHAIRS, 35/-

5 GNS COMPLETE

No. SP.472.—A handsome, craftsman-built DINING SUITE in Figured Oak, polished a rich medium brown. The 4 ft. Side-board is fitted with 2 large Cupboards and 3 Drawers—one lined green baize for cutlery. The Twist Leg Table opens to 4 ft. 6 in. by 2 ft. 6 in. 4 Dining Chairs, with loose drop-in Seats in Rexine. Remarkable Value! 6-piece Suite, 5 Gns.
Free Delivery in England and Wales.

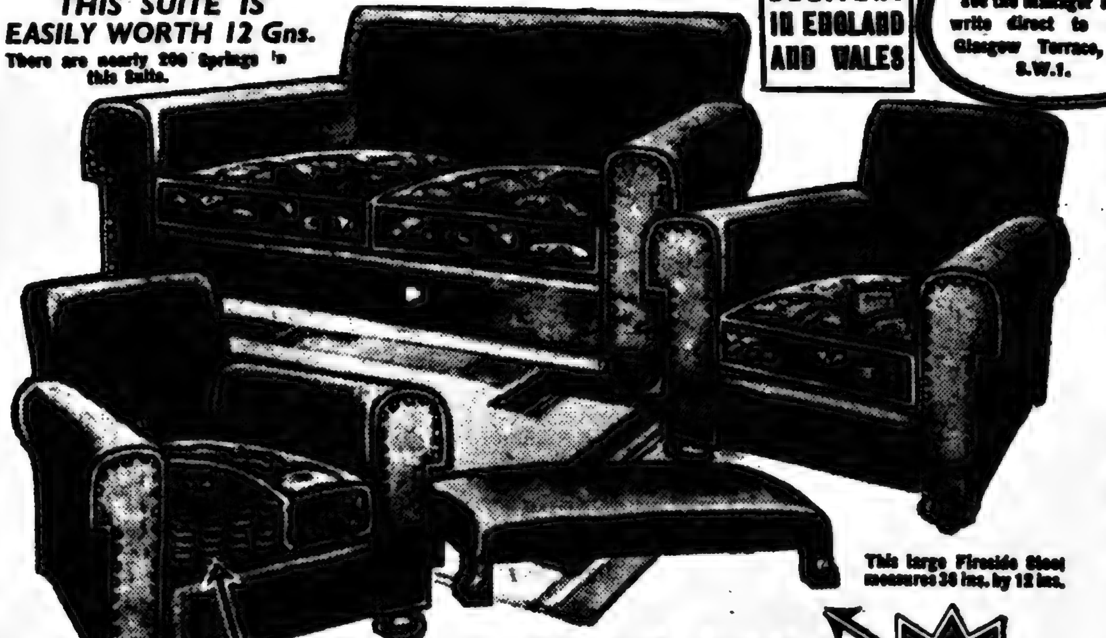
MODERN 3-PIECE SUITE IN REXINE WITH PULLMAN-SPRUNG VELOUR SEATS

THIS SUITE IS EASILY WORTH 12 Gns.

There are nearly 200 Springs in this Suite.

FREE DELIVERY IN ENGLAND AND WALES

DEFERRED TERMS CAN BE ARRANGED.
See the Manager at any branch, or write direct to Head Office, Glasgow Terrace, Victoria. S.W.1.


This large Fireside Stool measures 36 ins. by 12 ins.
NOTE THE SPECIAL PULLMAN Sprung Seats.

THIS LARGE FIRESIDE STOOL FREE

3-PIECE SUITE COMPLETE

FIRESIDE STOOL FREE

6 GNS

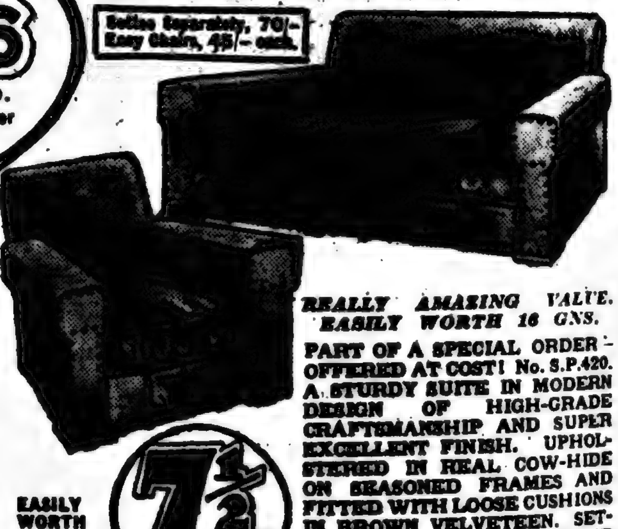
Free Delivery England & Wales

A Small Deposit will secure any Suite, which will then be stored FREE until required.

No. SP.468.—A craftsman-built **LOUNGE SUITE** in handsome modern design of ample proportions and high-grade workmanship. The Suite is upholstered in hide effect Rexine and fitted with Pullman sprung velour seats in modern designs in Blues, Browns or Greens. Settee 54 ins. wide, Easy Chair 30 ins. wide. There are nearly 200 springs in the Suite.

3-PIECE REAL COW-HIDE SUITE HANDSOME 2-PILLOW SETTEE

Settee Separately, 70/-
Easy Chairs, 45/- each.



REALLY AMAZING VALUE. EASILY WORTH 16 GNS.

PART OF A SPECIAL ORDER—OFFERED AT COST! No. S.P.420. A STURDY SUITE IN MODERN DESIGN OF HIGH-GRADE CRAFTSMANSHIP AND SUPER EXCELLENT FINISH. UPHOLSTERED IN REAL COW-HIDE ON SEASONED FRAMES AND FITTED WITH LOOSE CUSHIONS IN BROWN VELVETEEN. SETTEE 52 ins. WIDE. EASY CHAIR 29 ins. WIDE.

EASILY WORTH 16 GNS.

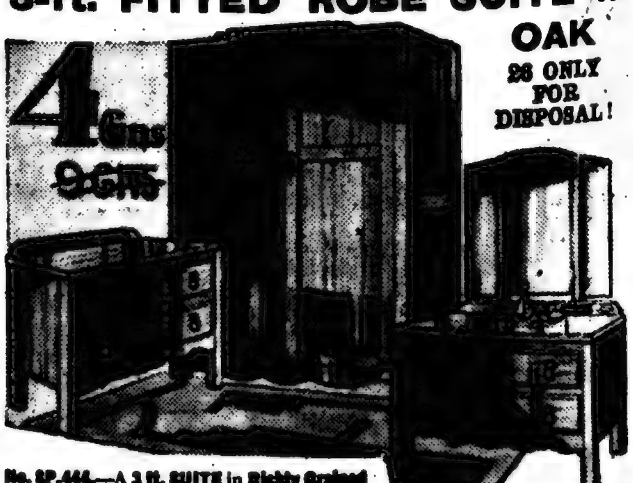
7½ GNS

Free Delivery in England and Wales

3-ft. FITTED ROBE SUITE in OAK

26 ONLY FOR DISPOSAL!

4 Gns ~~9 GNS~~



No. SP.444.—A 3 ft. SUITE in Richly Grained Oak, polished Jacobean, including 3 ft. Robe, fitted with Sliding Hanger Rail, 4 Shelves, Boot and Shoe Rail, Mirror, etc. 2 ft. 6 in. Dressing Table with Triple Mirrors. 2 ft. 6 ins. Chest of 3 Drawers. Perfectly finished.

A STUPENDOUS BARGAIN AT THE PRICE. ROBE £2. DRESSING PAIR, 45/-.

Free Delivery in England and Wales

POST YOUR ORDERS TO:—
Dept. No. J.B.1, 40-44, Strand, London, W.C.2. Cheques, M.O.s and P.O.s should be crossed. Treasury Notes should be registered. Goods are sent carriage forward only in Scotland, Ireland and Addresses off the mainland. Free Delivery in England and Wales.

BOLSOMS

40-44, STRAND - - - W.C.2
Open Daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Open All Day Sat. to 9 p.m. Close Thursday 1 p.m.
60, OXFORD STREET, W.1
Open Daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Close Saturday at 1 p.m.
5-11, WESTBOURNE GROVE, and 167-169, QUEEN'S ROAD - - W.2
Open Daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Close Saturday at 1 p.m.
82-84, HIGH ROAD, KILBURN
Open Daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Open all day Sat. to 9 p.m. Close Thursday 1 p.m.
58, DEANSGATE, MANCHESTER
Props.: BOLSOM BROS. (1928) Ltd. 'Phone: Victoria 7014/9

A. G. GARDINER *answers everybody's question—*

ANOTHER 1914?

Hitler must lead Germany back to Geneva—not to another Armageddon

IT is to be hoped that the gesture, challenge, appeal—call it what you will—that Mr. Baldwin made to Herr Hitler in the Defence debate will be pressed to an issue. There is no time to lose. Europe is heading for disaster just as it was in the years before 1914. And once more Germany is the storm cloud.

Then it was the sea. Now it is the air. Then the House of Commons was feverishly counting our guns and ships in comparison with those of Germany. To-day it is hardly less feverishly counting our air bombers in comparison with those of Germany

If the parallel is not to be carried to the same fatal conclusion, it must be stopped now. How can it be stopped?

Certainly not by the scaremongering of the *Daily Mail*, or the gloomy apprehensions which Mr. Churchill expressed in the Defence debate. That debate cleared away "that enormous swarm of ten thousand German aeroplanes" which is ready to reduce London to ashes at Hitler's word of command.

There is no such swarm. There has never been such a swarm. Mr. Baldwin and Sir John Simon had no difficulty in proving that our position in the air is actually and potentially superior to that of Germany, and that there is no intention of that superiority being sacrificed.

Drifting back

That fact disposes of the ground for panic, but it does not dispose of the danger We are all drifting back into a race of competitive armaments. The Concert of Europe has collapsed. The Disarmament Conference has collapsed. Germany is re-arming, and as Germany re-arms, France, Italy and ourselves pile up more armaments in the air, on the sea and on land. In a word, we are all marching straight to another 1914.

There is only one way of stopping that march. It is to abolish competition and to establish the collective control of armaments.

How is it to be done? First, we must frankly recognise that, though Germany is the menace, Germany is not alone responsible for the present catastrophic drift to war. Unless we realise this we cannot get to the root of the mischief, and Mr. Baldwin's appeal to Hitler will be profitless.

Look at the stages by which Europe has reached the present crisis. At the end of the war we—*i.e.*, the Allies—disarmed Germany, but by the Peace Treaty we disarmed her only as a preliminary to disarming ourselves. We were to set up a new order in Europe. Competitive armaments were to be forbidden and collective control of armaments on a basis of equality was to be established under the authority of the League of Nations

Too late

This undertaking was violated under the influence of France. Germany was kept disarmed, but the Allies did not disarm. Poincaré invaded the Ruhr and began his great scheme of imprisoning Germany in a ring of bayonets controlled from Paris. Not until thirteen years had passed did this fatal policy begin to be modified. In 1932 Germany's claim to equality was admitted in principle by the Disarmament Conference. That was the most hopeful moment in the affairs of Europe since 1914.

But the change of heart had come too late. The pacific forces in Germany were at the critical moment overthrown and Hitler was swept to power by a wave of reaction. Having created this Frankenstein monster, the Powers took alarm at the work of their own hands. They began to quibble about equality. Hitler, then in the first flush of his power, replied by quitting both the Disarmament Conference and the League. Since the Powers would not concede equality, then Germany would go her own way and re-arm in defiance of them.

That is the position to-day. Germany is re-arming, not with the sanction and by the collective agreement of the Powers, but independently, menacingly and secretly.

It is that secrecy, as Mr. Baldwin said, which is the cause of the increasing apprehension throughout Europe and in Germany herself. We cannot penetrate behind the veil of that secrecy. The Press is muzzled. No facts are allowed to leak out. And the less we know, the worse are the things we imagine.

And so the tragedy goes forward. So the vicious circle goes round. As Mr. Lloyd George put it in the Defence debate: "France is increasing her armaments enormously. Germany is rearming. France increases armaments because Germany is re-arming. Germany is re-arming because France is increasing instead of decreasing as she promised."

How to stop this giddy dance to perdition? That is the question to which Mr. Baldwin addressed himself in a speech directed almost personally to Herr Hitler. The chief harm of the German withdrawal from Geneva, he said, had been that the Concert of Europe was "broken for the time to bits." In almost all the countries of Europe the withdrawal has been followed by increased military credit, extended fortifications, alarmist speeches, and a vast growth of air fleets.

A clean slate!

Can Germany, faced with her financial crisis, her gathering discontent and the menace of winter, afford to arouse the suspicion and awaken the fears of all Europe? If she cannot then the course is clear. Let Germany return to Geneva. With Germany back to the League and back to the Disarmament Conference, the whole outlook of Europe will be changed. Fear will give place to confidence and the race in competitive armaments will be stayed.

This invitation, of course, involves action by the Powers. We must recognise that we have sinned as well as Germany.

If she is arming in defiance of the Peace of Versailles, the Powers have failed to disarm in defiance of the Peace of Versailles.

Let us have no recriminations. Let us mutually clean the slate and make a fresh start. In the words of General Smuts, endorsed by the *Times*, we must summon up courage to recognise Germany's complete equality of status with her fellows "frankly, freely and unreservedly."

That is her right, and its concession is our duty.

And not only our duty but our interest. We cannot prevent Germany from re-arming. That is now clear beyond controversy. The only question is whether she shall arm in the light of day, on a scale agreed with by her neighbours and under the collective control and supervision of the League, or whether she shall arm secretly and provocatively. In the one case the peace of Europe is assured; in the other war is inevitable.

There may be difficulties with France; but we shall meet and overcome these difficulties best by being clear and determined in our mind on the policy for which we stand It is time we took that attitude. Our subservience to France in the past has been one of the chief causes of the European tragedy of to-day.

And it may be, of course, that Hitler will reject the overture. He may, as some suggest, be coquetting with Japan. I do not think it is likely that he wants, or can afford to be the outcast of Europe. But even if he does reject, Europe will at least know where she stands with him, and will be better able to deal with the German menace.

The Decay of Cursing

NOT FROM THE B.B.C.

WHERE are the boys of the Old Brigade?
Where are the lads we knew,
Who, in the brave old days,
could curse
With epithets both choice and terse
Which turned the ether blue?

Gone are those curses, rich and rare,
That once flowed fast and free;
To-day e'en hunting men would block
Their ears 'gainst them! And how they'd shock
A modern Thames bargee!

For we have lost the noble art,
Our tongues have lost their sting;
In vain will modern cursers seek
For words which to a sergeant's cheek
A blush of shame would bring!

It might be thought that there was no new thing to which our social censors could point to prove their favourite contention that we are not the men our ancestors were; but Lord David Cecil has discovered yet another deficiency in this sad generation.

There has, it seems, been a "falling off in the art of cursing," which he finds "distressing." In no walk of life, he asserts, are people to-day able to express dislike in really effective terms.

Yet I fancy some of us could, between now and closing time, produce a favourite sergeant-major possessed of a not ineffective vocabulary for expressing disapproval or a lack of true affection.

Lord David, however, would probably reply that a sar'int-majaw is not a typical member of the human species. And if this be granted, it must be admitted that, as a race, we do not curse with the ease and fluency of our forefathers.

There are said to be gifted ladies in the hunting counties who still eloquently uphold the fine old traditions of Billingsgate and bargeedom.

But a generation which could be relied upon to call a spade a blank shovel has been largely replaced by one which is apt to refer to it as a sick-making gardening implement.

Dramatists do not nowadays conclude stirring speeches with: "And may a mother's curse rest upon you!" church dignitaries no longer pronounce elaborate official curses like the Cardinal in "The Jackdaw of Rheims," and even an untipped taxi-man seems like a member of Our Dumb Friends' League compared with a pre-war cabby.

But mere lamentation over vanished glories (and gories) is not enough. Unless cursing is to become a depressed industry, someone with a well-selected barrack-square and hunting-field vocabulary will have to demonstrate to this lock-jawed generation just how the Squire expressed his feelings when the income-tax was raised to sevenpence in the £.

There is urgent need for striving
With the object of reviving
A habit that has fallen in decay;
So perhaps some coves with titles
Will proceed to "stap their vitals"
To instruct us in the good old-fashioned way!

If our friend Lord David Cecil
Would hold forth as on a vessel
In the days when bo'suns, fortified by rum,
Set the standard of deportment,
Very soon a new assortment
Of cuss words into gen'ral use might come!

As it is, I own it freely
That our mouths are growing mealy,
And—here is what makes matters even worse:
We can't curse now worth a penny
At a time when there're so many
Things (and persons) that we'd dearly love to curse!

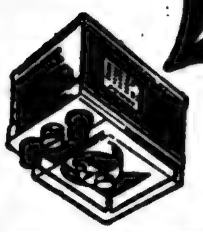
JOHN BULL.

Ruined Family of Six

With reference to the article "Ruined Family of Six" in our issue of November 17, we have been informed by Lieut. J. W. Jenkins, of 9, Tello Street, Cardiff, that he has been in occupation of that house since April, 1934.

We wish to make it quite clear that, although this address is registered as the address of the Company we criticised, Lieut. Jenkins has no connection whatsoever with the concern.

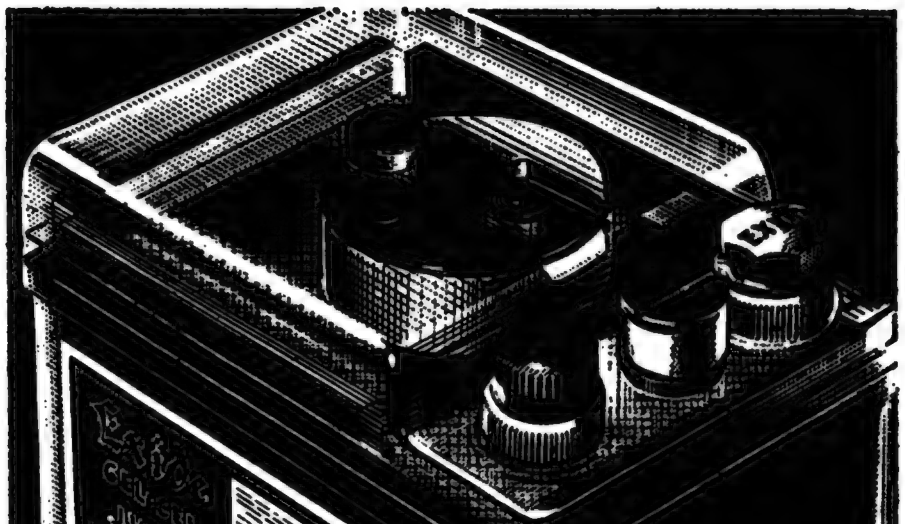
Exide



have perfected the

UNSPILLABLE

JELLY ACID BATTERY



Exide GEL-CEL

There is a size to suit every set. Prices range from 7/6.

The Exide "Gel-Cel" was the first jelly acid battery to compare in efficiency with the best free acid batteries. And yet it has all the freedom from spilling which jelly acid provides. As an additional safeguard, should there be any residual acid, the "Gel-Cel" has an improved acid trap, and a strong leak-proof celluloid container which is moulded and seamless and has a double bottom. It is the strongest, most efficient jelly acid battery for portables ever produced. Before you replace your present battery—see the Exide "Gel-Cel."

For wireless H.T. get **Drydex** the Exide dry battery

"Still keeps going when the rest have stopped"

From Exide Service Stations or any reputable dealer ● Exide Service Stations give service on every make of battery ● *Exide Batteries, Clifton Junction, near Manchester. Branches: London, Manchester, Birmingham, Bristol, Glasgow, Dublin, Belfast*

R79

BUY YOUR HOUSE THROUGH THE PEARL

and protect your family

When you buy a house you won't want to burden your family with a liability. If you want them to enjoy the comfort and security of a settled home you must seriously consider how they would be placed in the event of your early death.

By purchasing your house through the "Pearl" House Purchase Scheme you can provide for this contingency.

The Scheme enables you to obtain a substantial mortgage on favourable terms and provides for automatic repayment of the loan at the end of a fixed period. In the event of your death the mortgage charge would be cancelled immediately, all obligations would cease and the deeds of the house would be handed over free from all encumbrance.

Please use the form below for enquiries.

PEARL ASSURANCE
COMPANY LIMITED

ENQUIRY FORM.

To the Joint Managing Directors,
PEARL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.,
High Holborn, London, W.C.1.

Please supply full particulars of your House Purchase Scheme.

Name ....

Address ....

....

Kindly write in BLOCK LETTERS.

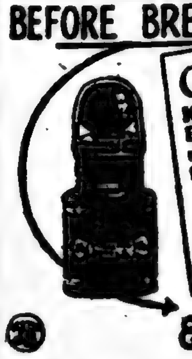
22. J.B. 8.12.34.

A *Safe* Guide to *Furnishing*

XMAS gifts are now becoming more practical and the business of choosing them is, therefore, considerably simplified. One such gift, which is a happy choice for both the donor and the person who receives it, is the Berkeley Superlax Easy Chair as offered on p. 35. It is made by H. J. Searle & Son, Ltd., of (Dept. J.B.) 70-78, Old Kent Road, London, whose reputation for quality is renowned, and is obtainable on easy terms.

Fill in the coupon for a Free Catalogue giving details of this and other Berkeley Models, or write to the address above, mentioning "John Bull."

BEFORE BREAKFAST



Get the Mackenzie daily health habit. Keep a bottle in your Bathroom. Use on rising and at bedtime and keep FIT.

Price 1/6

Also in handbag size, with screw top, 1/3.

Sold everywhere.

& BEFORE BED

For Colds Influenza Catarrh Headache etc

Shot P.C. —the ASTOUNDING TRUTH

Constable Fuller

THE public read with interest in the newspapers the other day that Police-constable Fuller, who figured conspicuously a few weeks ago in an amazing shooting drama in the Peckham district of London, had been allowed to resign.

The official reason given for this unexpected development is that P.-C. Henry Fuller is not likely to become an efficient officer and his services have therefore been dispensed with.

Further mystery is thus added to a case which, from its inception, has been a very mysterious one indeed.

It has from the start aroused great public interest and, in many respects, grave alarm in certain circles, because "gangsterism" of the worst type was believed to be one of its chief features.

Constable Fuller had only been in the Police Force a few months when he became the central figure in one of the most remarkable man-hunts ever organised by the chiefs at Scotland Yard.

Shock

He had only been doing patrol duty for three weeks when, around about midnight, he was found lying half-conscious in a dark alley in Peckham Road, S.E. Near-by police officers were brought to the scene by a series of summonses he made with his police whistle, and by the intervention of one or two people who happened to pass by just after he had fallen to the ground.

An ambulance took him a little later to St. Giles' Hospital, Camberwell, where he was found to be bleeding from a wound near the shoulder.

The wound was not serious, although at the time the public was led to believe that he was in a critical condition. He certainly appeared to be suffering terribly from shock.

The news of his experiences, which were officially believed to be due to a fight he had with an armed burglar, was flashed at once to Scotland Yard. Scores of detectives were dragged from their beds, and some visited him at the hospital in order to get from him, when he was able to provide them, the full facts concerning the shooting.

Eventually he told a story which, when it appeared in print, made very dramatic reading.

He said he had observed a heavily built man acting suspiciously at a Peckham warehouse and, going up to him to question him, was hit on the helmet by a rod of iron. Whilst trying to take into custody the man, who was "hooded" so that his face could not be seen, Fuller declared that a shot suddenly rang out and, with a bullet wound in his shoulder, he had to let go his grip.

His anonymous assailant escaped as Fuller fell fainting to the ground.

Now, Scotland Yard is naturally very proud of the reputation and gallantry of its officers and, the moment it heard Fuller's story, detectives and uniformed men began to operate at express speed.

As soon as the first statement was obtained from Fuller, gun experts and finger-print sleuths were rushed to the scene. Messages were despatched by telegram and telephone to police stations all over the country.

Flying Squad vans were put at once into action, and within a few hours of the affair, something like a hundred officers were scouring London and the provinces for a bandit about whom only the vaguest description could be given by the shot constable.

Under Superintendent Arthur Askew, of the "Yard," who took charge of the enquiries, Chief-Inspector Donaldson took control of the investigations locally. Officially, the matter was regarded as being, naturally, one of the greatest importance, and not one moment was to be lost, or any clue, however slender, neglected.

Round-up

The finger-print experts spent hours at the scene of the shooting. They took photographs of walls, fences and doors, and even carefully selected and took to the "Yard" wads of mould, fragments of trees, and other queer "exhibits" which they regarded as being important for investigation purposes.

Meantime the rest of the big squad of police investigators were working elsewhere at feverish speed. Some were interviewing "known" criminals of the dangerous class, who might reasonably be expected to be involved in such a crime, and getting from them details as to where they were at the time the constable was shot.

Others were visiting lodging houses, questioning the associates of criminals, and following up all kinds of clues which were only destined to turn out to be worthless.

Photographic experts at the "Yard," and police clerks, were working speedily in the "Rogues Gallery" to try to identify the man, whose description Fuller had supplied, with the originals of any of the thousands of photographs which are filed there of men who are known to be of the bandit class.

Gun experts, as well, were seeking to discover the "life" of a Continental ten-chambered revolver which had in the meantime been found, while other detectives were inquiring at mental homes for information on the possible theory that Fuller's assailant was an escaped lunatic, or an erstwhile inmate who had been recently released.

Not a stone was left unturned, during the first few days after the shooting, to solve the crime.

Then, as has been generally reported, the dramatic "hue and cry" suddenly ended, and one of the most astonishing man-hunts of recent years was "called off."

No official word was said publicly as to why such an unprecedented event had occurred. Only the vaguest information was given out to the Press, which was to the effect that a confidential report had been made to Lord Trenchard, by the officers concerned in the case, which he was considering.

No more than that. Then, days later, came the bald official announcement that Fuller had "resigned."

Why?

The reason

Is it right that a case which has aroused such widespread public interest should end in this way? Why has Fuller resigned? Why has his assailant not be found and suitably dealt with? Why were all the detectives involved in the enquiry into the shooting so suddenly and dramatically told to hold up their enquiries?

The reason is not hard to find.

The outrage never occurred! There was never any bandit at all! Police-constable Fuller invented the whole story!

He might have succeeded in his faked "crime." Had all gone well he might even have been decorated for bravery! But he made two fatal mistakes.

The factory the armed bandit of his imagination chose for his burglary was one which only contained pianos. No experienced bandit, wandering about with a loaded ten-chambered revolver, would want to rob that without a few confederates and a waiting pantechnicon. And the revolver he left behind was one which Fuller had obtained from another man. It was finally traced to the latter's possession by the police.

To all ordinary people the idea that a police officer should go to such extremes to gain honour and glory must seem preposterous. Yet it must be remembered that Fuller was young, restless and ambitious, and therefore eager to climb the ladder of fame quickly.

It is easy to point the finger of scorn at him now, but the very fact that his is such an exceptional case demands exceptional treatment. It is quite obvious that a person of the Fuller type is unfitted for membership of a Force whose steady and dependable qualities are admired throughout the world.

Instead of achieving his wild object, he has ruined his hopes of a police career and has brought overwhelming shame and disgrace upon himself.

The main thing is that the deception was so speedily discovered and that the offender has been promptly removed from a Force to which he could never have been a credit.

"The man was 'hooded' so that his face could not be seen"

Homely Wisdom—by Canon R. J. Campbell, D.D.

The Pain of the Helpless

THE most interesting book on Palestine that I have ever read is H. V. Morton's "In the Steps of the Master"; and one of the best things in it is the story of a personal adventure in which the author breaks away from the travel narrative and tells us something which befell him at the tumble-down village of Banias, which in the time of Christ was one of the proudest cities north of Galilee.

Mr. Morton saw lying in the road what at first looked like an old garment that someone had flung away. It was a dog dying of hunger.

He writes: "She was so weak that she could not move. She could only lie in the hot dust of the road, too weak to shake the flies from her sores. Her eyes were lost in a world of unutterable pain. She was grotesque and misshapen with suffering.

"Her ears had been clipped close to her head—a common habit with the Bedouin, who believe that to clip the ears of a dog increases its hearing.

"I had never in my life seen an animal in such a ghastly condition. She was too weak to run away from me. She lay in the road, watching with her pitiful eyes and waiting for me to hurt her.

"When I brought sandwiches from the car and tried to feed her with small pieces of meat, she could not realise that I was attempting to help her. She looked frightened. Then, very gently, she took a piece of meat in her parched, scarred mouth, but it fell out into the dust.

"I found myself blazing with anger. The utter callousness of the Mohammedan for the suffering of animals is a terrible thing. Two or three Arabs gathered round and watched me as if I were a lunatic; as, indeed, they thought I was.

"'She dies of hunger,' they said.

"'Why does nobody feed her?' I asked.

"'She belongs to nobody,' they replied."

They would not even take the trouble to kill her; that was not their concern; Allah had given her life, and it was Allah's business to take it away.

Mr. Morton paid a man to assume charge of the poor thing, warning him that he would return before long to see what had become of her. At much inconvenience to himself he did return within a fortnight to find the dog still alive and himself the standing joke of the town, for of course all the inhabitants thought him mad.

The most touching paragraph in the whole story is this: "The dog seemed to know in some way that I was the cause of her present well-being and she did something which completely finished me. She walked up to me and just rested her bruised muzzle on my knee. I decided at that moment that, grotesque and blown out with starvation as she was, wounded, mangy and sore, I would somehow take her home with me."

I wish I could add that he did; but, alas! his dumb friend had suffered too much to be able to recover entirely; she died before he sailed. But if it be true, that any creature capable of gratitude and love survives death, that dog will meet Mr. Morton at Heaven's gate.

It was in that same land that Jesus said long ago: "Not a sparrow falleth to the ground without your Father." What can this mean but that God's compassion extends to the humblest of His creatures? Mr. Morton acted in the spirit of it. If we all did as much the pain of humanity too would leave little to fear.

JOHN BULL'S
Xmas Gift to You
Time's getting short
HURRY!

Every Pen is British Made and is fitted with a 14-carat Solid Gold Nib

YOU have no time to lose! Christmas will be here in a little over a fortnight. Applications for "John Bull's" Xmas Gift grow in volume with every post. An extra staff is working at top pressure to keep pace with the demand. Hurry! Cut out Gift Voucher or Vouchers desired, attach to Coupon below and post at once.

FREE 2/9 GIFT VOUCHER

5/6 WRITING SET FOR 2/9. This Gift Voucher will be accepted as 2/9 cash in part payment of "John Bull's" 5/6 Writing Set. The handsome chasing of the Pen, black vulcanite, latest lever self-filling device and 14-carat solid gold nib, iridium tipped, all indicate the outstanding quality of this set. Written two-year guarantee with each pen. The "Everpointed" Pencil fitted with propel, repel, and expel movement, pocket clip, and extra leads, matches the pen to perfection. A handsome Presentation Case gives the finishing touch.

John Bull
XMAS GIFT VOUCHER
VALUE 2/9
This Gift Voucher will be accepted as 2/9 in part payment of the "John Bull" 5/6 Writing Set. Only one Voucher will be accepted in part payment of each Set.
Valid until December 31, 1934.
No. A/74,560
5/6 for 2/9

FREE 7/6 GIFT VOUCHER

12/6 WRITING SET FOR 5/-. This Gift Voucher will be accepted as 7/6 cash in part payment of "John Bull's" 12/6 Writing Set de Luxe. Beautifully streamlined and handsomely finished in mottled art shades delicately toned, this Set is indeed a luxurious gift. An inlaid, rolled-gold band encircles the pen and a sunk lever self-filling device and pocket clip to match accentuate the lustrous finish. The 14-carat solid gold nib has a costly iridium tip of velvety smoothness. Written five-year guarantee with each pen. The handsome "Everpointed" Pencil to match has pocket clip and extra leads, and is fitted with non-overturnable propel, repel, expel movement. Both Pen and Pencil are made of entirely new material, guaranteed unbreakable. Contained in a handsome satin-lined Presentation Case, artistically covered in gold and black.

John Bull
XMAS GIFT VOUCHER
VALUE 7/6
This Gift Voucher will be accepted as 7/6 in part payment of the "John Bull" 12/6 Writing Set de Luxe. Only one Voucher will be accepted in part payment of each Set.
Valid until December 31, 1934.
No. B/74,560
12/6 for 5/-

Take
YOUR
CHOICE

★ **EXTRA SURPRISE GIFT**

An extra Surprise Gift for every recipient—look out for it!

CASH YOUR GIFT VOUCHER TO-DAY

"John Bull's" Xmas Gift Coupon

To "John Bull" Pen Dept., 27a, Floral Street, London, W.C.2.

(1) I enclose Gift Voucher value 2/9, which please accept in part payment of the "John Bull" 5/6 Writing Set. I enclose P.O. for 2/9, plus 3d. for postage and insurance, making 3/- in all.

or

(2) I enclose Gift Voucher value 7/6, which please accept in part payment of the "John Bull" 12/6 Writing Set DE LUXE. I enclose P.O. for 5/-, plus 3d. for postage and insurance, making 5/3 in all.

Fine. Medium. Broad. } Cross out grades of nib NOT required. { Fine. Medium. Broad.

If you desire BOTH SETS send the two Vouchers and a Postal Order for 8/- only.

NAME ....
ADDRESS ....
.... } Write clearly in Block Letters.

Cross Cheque/Postal Order / & Co./ and make payable to "John Bull." J.B., 8/12/34.

Phensic

BRAND TABLETS

VERY
NASTY
HEAD
COLD

2 TABLETS
OF PHENSIC

BROUGHT
SPEEDY
RELIEF

QUICKEST, SAFEST FOR COLDS

"We (my husband and myself) had very nasty head colds which we could not shake off, try as we would," writes Mrs. A. McC., of London. "After the first two tablets we both felt so relieved and grateful for such speedy relief. I shall always recommend Phensic to all my friends who need a speedy pick-me-up."

3d. IS ALL YOU NEED PAY

3d. is all you need spend to try the quickest, safest pain-killer known to medicine. This wonderful discovery of a famous London Doctor is now obtainable in 3d. and 6d. sizes. Phensic breaks up the worst attacks of Colds and Influenza with certainty and safety. Your head becomes clear, fever disappears almost at once and vitality is restored. Phensic is now within the reach of everyone's pocket. Save your health and save your money. Ask for Phensic to-day.

Be prepared against INFLUENZA, COLDS, HEADACHES, NERVE PAINS, NEURITIS, SCIATICA, RHEUMATISM, LUMBAGO, etc., etc.

3D., 6D. 1/3, 3/- and 5/-

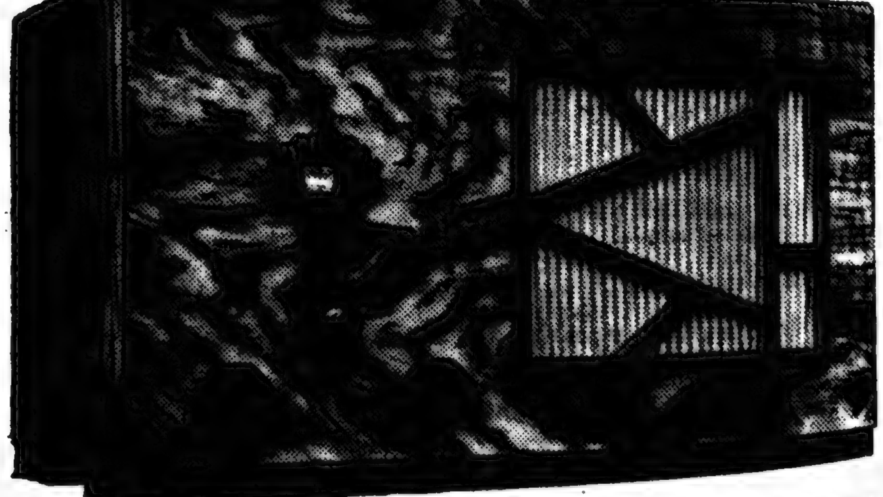
Sold Everywhere.

You need never hesitate to buy goods advertised in "John Bull"—they are all guaranteed.

The "John Bull" Guarantee appears on page 33.

GRAVES Beats the World For Quality & Value

We make no charge for Easy Payment Terms.



In Radio Sets the best is always the cheapest, and the Graves-National 3-Valve Battery-Driven Receiver is a triumph of Radio skill and enterprise, unsurpassed for dependability and excellence, and outstanding for its amazingly natural reproduction, even under the most difficult conditions.

Special coil circuit using the new Iron Cored Radio Frequency Coils giving utmost possible selectivity. Permanent Magnet Moving Coil Loud Speaker employing a magnet of advanced design. Latest type British Valves, and every component the best of its class.

8/- Monthly

The Illuminated Tuning Dial is marked in Wavelengths, & the cabinet (as illustrated) is of an exceptionally pleasing design in handsomely figured walnut. Length 17in. Height 16in. Depth 9in. H.T. Battery, newest pattern Accumulator, and full Aerial Equipment. NOTHING ELSE TO BUY

Immediate Delivery Carriage Paid £6.18.0 or 17 monthly payments of 8/-

GRAVES-NATIONAL ALL-PENTODE ELECTRIC RECEIVER for use on any A.C. or D.C. Mains. Figured Walnut Cabinet 18½ x 12½ x 10in. 3 Pentode Valves, Iron Cored Coils, Steel Chassis, Illuminated Dial marked in wavelengths, Permanent Magnet Moving Coil Loud Speaker, Aerial Equipment. Nothing else to buy. £8.12.0 or 12/- monthly. No charge for Terms.

Mr. T. S. of Great Harwood, writes:—"The National Receiver arrived safe and in good condition. Performance is very satisfactory. I have had Radio Sets since the days of old Cat's Whisker, but, to me, I have got the tit-bit of them all, I am getting quality and tone on all wavelengths."

Mr. J. M. of Berwick, writes:—"We received Wireless Set & are delighted with it. It is efficient in every way and a marvellous Set at the price."

Mrs. M. W. of Newton, writes:—"I am proud to have such a wonderful Set in my home, and I thank you for the way you attended to my order."

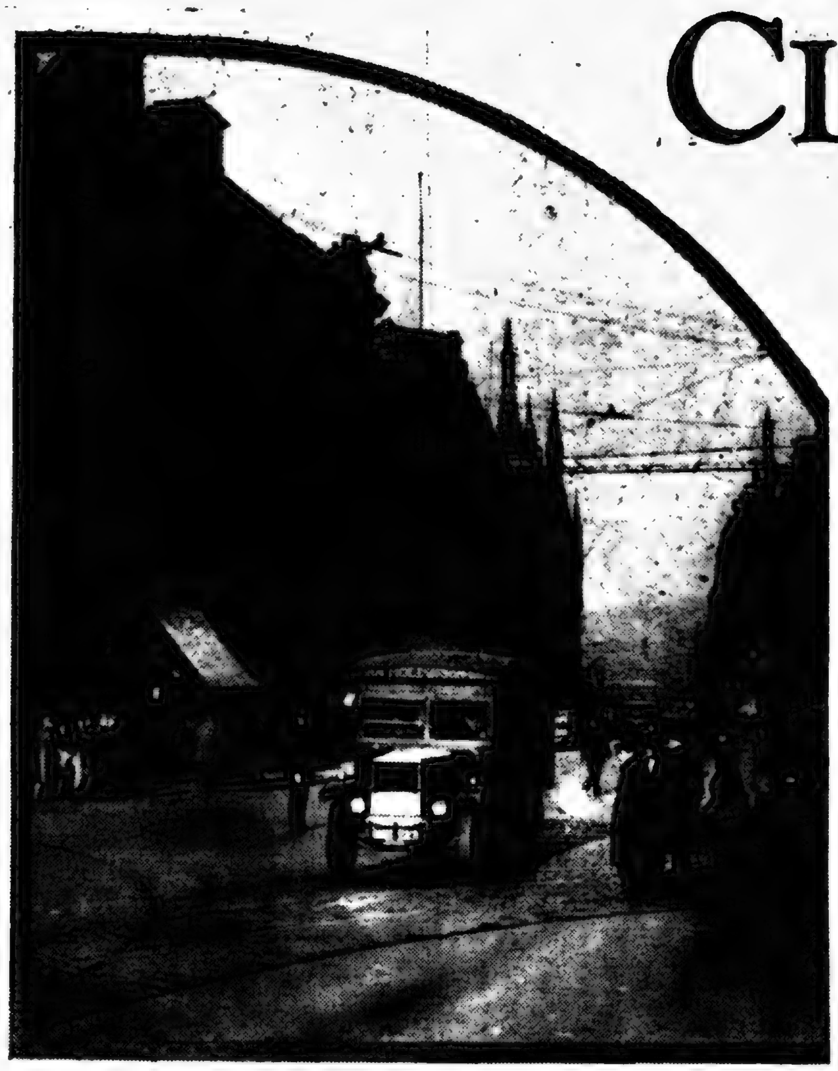
WRITE NOW FOR CATALOGUE of latest designs for Mains or Batteries including Band Pass, Super-Het Sets, etc.

J. G. GRAVES LTD. SHEFFIELD

Mr. W. W. of Dukinfield, writes:—"Set received in excellent condition; it is a bargain beyond reproach. The tone and reception are equal in every way to my brother's set costing twenty guineas."

Mr. W. C. B. of Bradley, writes:—"I received the National 3-valve Set safely and wish to say how pleased I am with same. Its Power, Range, and tone are marvellous and the working of the set is simplicity itself."

CITY of Sold-Up Homes



A street scene in Bradford, some citizens of which are subjected to great hardships for the extraction of their rates

SUMMONS; police court; prison —. An interval of a few short months and again the sequence; summons, police court and prison.

The ridiculous ritual continues of imprisoning men and women for the crime of being poor. We cry our indignation against this scandal, which is occurring throughout the country without let or remission, of persecuting unemployed people because they cannot pay their rates.

It is right that wilful rate defaulters should suffer the full punishment of their refusal to make contribution to public services.

It is grotesque that unfortunate individuals who have no possible means of paying should be hounded in a variety of ways and ultimately turned into jail dwellers.

Cities, towns and metropolitan boroughs all have their measure of blame in this matter. Some are more deserving of condemnation than others. The degree of harshness adopted against the ratepayers is dependent on the quality and character of the local administrators.

"Pay-up" drive

An extraordinary position has arisen in the City of Bradford, capital of the great wool industry, over this question of rates. Bradford, with its population of 300,000 souls, has been a grievous sufferer through the years of trade depression. In consequence its rate problem has become peculiarly acute.

From enquiries we are able to disclose the unhappy story of an incredibly merciless "pay your rates" drive in this Yorkshire city. During one year no fewer than 15,470 people of Bradford were summoned for non-payment of their rates—a truly astonishing total.

What is worse, as an outcome of those proceedings, distraint on goods and chattels was levied in 2,813 cases.

And what is worse still, fifty-four citizens of Bradford were taken to jail because they had not the money to pay, or the goods with which to satisfy distraint.

Remember that those fifty-four were, in the main, decent, honest individuals, whose only misdemeanour was poverty, and that through no wilfulness of their own, but simply through the hard condition of unemployment. All would have paid if they had had the means

At such a rate of progress—2,813 distraints—Bradford is rapidly in danger of earning the unenviable title of the "City of Sold-up Homes."

Individual instances show how the Bradford system of rate collection operates.

Cruel summons

Here is one: A man living in the Chellow Grange district owed in the summer of this year the sum of 15s. 9d. For this he was summoned, although he had been out of work for four years. The cost of the summons added 7s. to the debt, making £1 2s. 9d. in all.

There were five mouths to feed in the family and the weekly income, provided in part by allowances from the Public Assistance Committee, was only £2. With food to buy, rent to find, and clothes replacement for five individuals to pay a debt of £1 2s. 9d. was an impossibility.

In due course a bailiff was sent to the house to inspect the furniture, and for that visit of the court official the debtor was charged a further 11s.

Certain goods—a piano, a sewing machine, a dresser and a chair—were marked for sale, and while they were left in the house there was a further charge of 6s. a day for five days debited against the poor ratepayer; another 30s. to his debt.

Prison threat

At the end of a fortnight, after much negotiation and a very pathetic letter from the householder to the Sheriff, the marked goods were removed to a salesroom in the town

There they were sold at ridiculous "knock-out" prices; the piano for thirteen shillings and the sewing machine for three shillings. The proceeds of the auction were so insignificant that the man *still owed a debt of £1 2s. 9d. to the Corporation.*

He had lost the only "valuable" articles of his home, and he was still in the toils. Indeed, the man received a letter from the Corporation stating that, in spite of the sale of his belongings, unless he found the money and remitted a settlement within seven days, an application would be made to commit him to prison.

What had happened really was this: the sale of the few articles had not realised sufficient to meet the expenses of the Sheriff and his officers, and therefore the rates were still in arrears. A preposterous piece of tyranny!

Let us cite another example of the Bradford system. The sufferer now is an elderly widow, who, in addition to a widow's pension, received a small amount from the earnings of her daughter.

She owed a year's rates, amounting to £2 19s. 5d. Again a Sheriff's officer was despatched to this home to mark goods for sale, and before long the widow was faced with a bill of £2 3s. expenses on her rate debt of under £3. Could anything be more monstrous?

How fatally easy it is in such circumstances for those people who live in Bradford and fall on times of hardship and distress to find themselves overwhelmed with debt and expenses to their own city council. Whatever they do, no matter how they try, the machine of the Corporation rolls on.

Pleadings will not stay it. "We must have the money. We must have the expenses, and the longer you delay the more you will have to pay in the end, or the longer you will have to go to prison." That in effect is the argument of this rate insistence imposed on the poverty-stricken.

Why, one Bradford woman even received a summons for an arrears of 2s. on the rates!

Officials, of course, are not personally to blame. They hate the whole sorry business as much as anyone. They are simply the instruments of the vicious system which declares that money must be squeezed where no money exists.

It is true that many of the people who become immeshed in a rate tangle, such as exists in Bradford, disregard the warnings they received in the early stages of indebtedness.

But they do so in ignorance. They have no knowledge of "blue papers" or the powers of a Sheriff's officer, and so they blunder on and on until the avalanche of distraint or prison blots out their home and liberty. Those who have understanding friends who can go to a city hall and urge special circumstances on their behalf are able frequently to stave off the bitterness of execution or arrest.

Therefore it is the vast majority, the really poor and friendless, for whom we take up the cudgels of defence, not only in Bradford, but in every district of Britain where martyrdom for rate debts is a municipal habit.

Really do it!

Bradford, we are glad to know, largely through the efforts of Councillor J. W. Flanagan, is at last seeking to amend its methods. At an autumn meeting of the city council at which the then Lord Mayor, Councillor A. W. Brown, presided, a resolution was approved to appoint a special committee:

"To examine the methods of recovering unpaid rates and to make recommendations for the improvement of such methods with a view to obviating the hardship which is being caused to individual ratepayers under the present system."

So much is satisfactory. But a resolution is one thing and concrete action is another.

We urge the committee to act quickly and be drastic in its reforming proposals. For only by something near a revolution in system will the alias "the City of Sold-up Homes" be lost.

OVER 40 STARS

Over forty of the most sparkling stars in the fun and fiction firmament twinkle in the pages of "Printers' Pie" Christmas Number. Writers whose names spell fascination to thousands—joke artists who draw a laugh with every stroke of their brilliant pens! A hundred pages of them —and all for a single sixpence!

Hurry for your copy before it is too late.

LAND-SCHEME FIASCO

WE have heard a good deal about projects for the settlement of unemployed men on small plots of land; but we have yet to learn of a scheme so foolhardy as that upon which men have been induced to embark at Newport, in Monmouthshire.

It is eighteen months since nearly two hundred of them were afforded plots of ten perches each for the purpose of growing their own vegetables. They were charged rent and had to work exceptionally hard to cultivate the soil.

There were bushes to uproot, and holes to fill. In many instances, men have carried soil to their allotments from a considerable distance. On some plots there were as many as four or five trees to cut down and clear.

In the face of the most extraordinary difficulties, nevertheless, many of the tenants were successful, and have reaped a first harvest as a reward for the hardest of hard labour over a period of months.

The majority of the two hundred who rented plots were about to plant seeds this year, when to their great astonishment they received notice to quit. They have had all their trouble for nothing. The land they were let is required for building purposes.

Ninety of the original band of allotment-holders have been compelled to abandon all prospects of producing food for their families; and it is not surprising to hear that the remainder are uneasy.

* * *

Obviously, there has been the most gross mismanagement somewhere, and the Newport Corporation must look into it.

The victims themselves, not unnaturally, complain that they have been exploited. They voiced vehement protest at a meeting they held the other day, for it is the belief of many of them that they have been "used" to clear land that is wanted for speculative purposes.

The least the Newport Corporation can do is to refund the moneys it has received in rentals. It is up to the Newport authorities to give the men who have performed the work of clearing this land a square deal.

TWO HOUSES . . .
TWO HOUSE-PROUD WOMEN . . .

but a glance showed which used Persil

Mrs. Green never thought she would be ashamed of her curtains . . . then a new neighbour came!

Mrs. Walters knew hers would do her credit, because Persil kept them so brilliantly white.

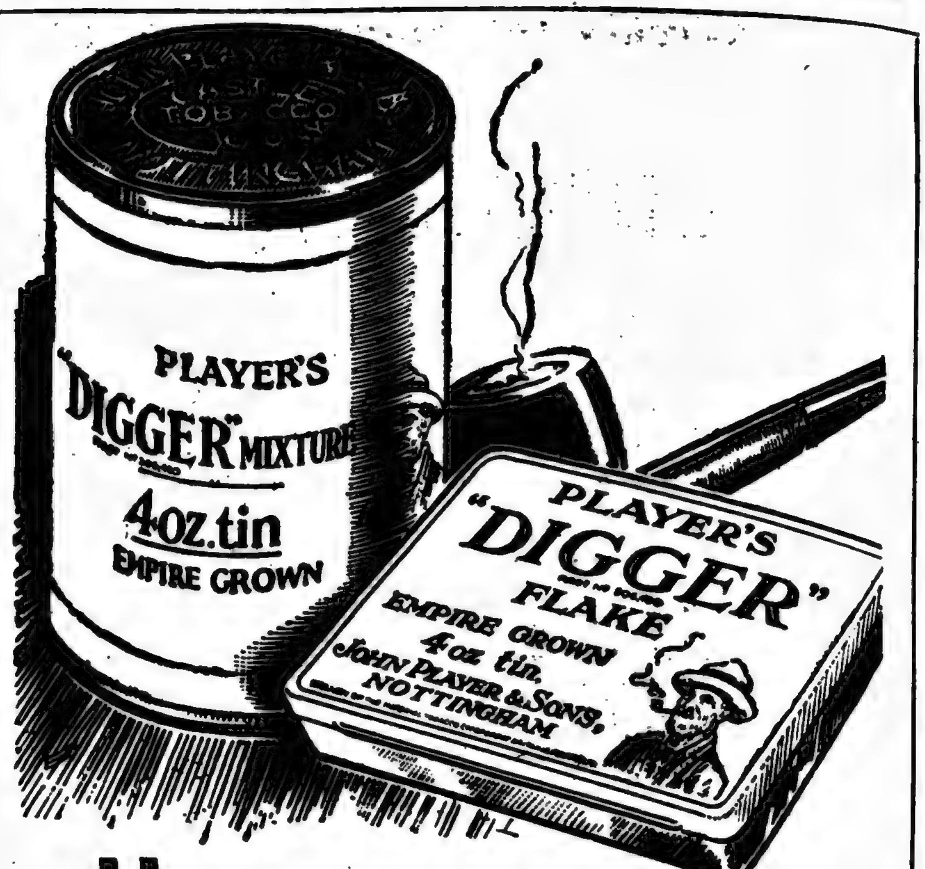
WHY does Persil make things so much whiter? Simply because Persil's gentle soap and oxygen action draws out all the rubbed-in dirt that ordinary washing can never reach. Use Persil your next washday, and then compare the results with the linen left in your drawer.

And Persil is just as good for silks and woollens; because Persil cleanses so gently it's utterly safe for everything.

Persil

THE AMAZING OXYGEN WASHER

PER 464-71-65 JOSEPH CROSFIELD & SONS LTD., WARRINGTON



His present

His present need not be costly to be good. Player's Digger is the most successful tobacco made from Empire Leaf. Being so popular with many smokers it forms a splendid yet economical gift.

2/8 ¼ lb tin

PLAYER'S

DIGGER

FLAKE · MIXTURE · SHAG

Also DIGGER HONEYDEW DIGGER CUT PLUG & DIGGER [illegible] CAVENDISH

Issued by The Imperial Tobacco Co. (of Great Britain and Ireland), Ltd. P.D.25.

Look into JOHN BULL'S Shop Window for Xmas Bargains.

See Pages 2, 3 and 4.

GRAVES Beats the World For Quality & Value

Every Lady should write to-day for GRAVES DISPLAY of up-to-date Fashions illustrating all the newest ideas in Ladies' Wear, at prices which show a substantial saving. Wherever you live, our Keen Prices and Easy Terms are for YOU.

BLAKENEY Smartly tailored double-breasted Coat in heavy hard-wearing Nap Cloth, stylishly cut with plain panel back and half-belt trimmed with buttons. The roll collar is neatly machine stitched and the pockets are welted. The garment is well finished in every respect and well lined with good quality Twill to tone. Shades: Navy, Brown. Sizes: S.S.W. to O.S. Busts: 32 to 38in. Lengths: 44 to 50in. Fullest Approval. Price 25/11

Terms: 3/6 Monthly.

WRITE FOR PATTERNS. Send to-day for full range of Patterns, Post Free. Coats, Costumes, Furs, Underwear, Dance Frocks, &c., all in the newest styles. Ask for Patterns of any kind of garment required, and a splendid choice, with a self measurement form and all particulars will be sent to you per return of post.

J. G. GRAVES LTD. SHEFFIELD

3/6 Monthly

A REAL COLD CURE

KOMPO FOR COLDS

Take one or two teaspoonfuls of Dr. White's "KOMPO" in either hot water, milk or tea well sweetened.

Always keep "KOMPO" handy, ready to use at the first sign of a chill.

BOTTLES 1/3 & 3/-
OF ALL CHEMISTS AND STORES
[illegible] J.E. WHITE & Co. [illegible]

Weekly Informations from Major-General SIR WYNDHAM CHILDS

£4,000,000 Worth of TALK

Financiers' Colossal SPOOF

THIS exposure has an international flavour, and the principals concerned move against a background of luxury hotels in capital cities.

France, the Netherlands, Czecho-Slovakia and Afghanistan figure as the countries selected for negotiations of "high finance"; deals which were to bring enormous profits to those people fortunate enough to be admitted "on the ground floor."

In short, a great scheme, magnificently planned, involving such transactions as:—The buying and reselling of ten of the most famous hotels in France, valued at no less than £3,750,000; supplying machine-guns and rifles, obtained in Czecho-Slovakia, to the Government of Afghanistan; negotiating the bonds of a Dutch bank, carrying a satisfactory rate of interest, and realisable at a handsome premium.

Unfortunately, none of the projects has come to anything, and my disclosures will show the reason why.

Parson ruined

A small British company was responsible for these grandiose plans—a concern by the name of C. Bartrum and Co., Ltd., which was established three years ago, as a private company to act as bankers.

As a result of its activities, and of the men intimately connected with it, several honest investors have suffered.

Chief of the victims are a clergyman of the Church of England, who is vicar of a Northamptonshire parish, and a middle-aged doctor in a West Country town.

The vicar—now over seventy years of age—has been made bankrupt in consequence. His losses amount to more than £6,000.

The doctor's life savings have been depleted by at least £3,000. He has been compelled to sell his fine residence and to move into a bungalow.

Two men are largely responsible for the sad plight of the country vicar and the sufferings of the doctor. They are Dr. A. A. Tester, a person of foreign origin, who holds law degrees in Switzerland and Germany, and Mr. James Bowhill Agard. Both are undischarged bankrupts and men of no financial reputation.

How they played their parts in fathering the proposals which led their dupes to disaster will be indicated as the involved story is unravelled.

Big money

I will deal with Tester first of all. He was the financial adviser of Bartrum and Co., and actually the mainspring of the undertaking. Tester it was who evolved enterprises which he considered Bartrum and Co. could properly handle.

He transferred the chief personnel of the company to Paris, where they stayed in great comfort at the Carlton Hotel. It was there that conversations were started relating to the supply of machine-guns to "the Government of Zahir Shah, King of Afghanistan," and the idea elaborated of this small English company buying up an important group of French hotels in Paris, Nice and Cannes, valued at £3,750,000.

And at this time the company had scarcely any resources.

The people who were being parted from their money in order that the company could carry on, were the vicar and the doctor. They were interested because each one had a son employed by the company.

Both parents were summoned to visit Paris at different times, and conferences about the business on hand were held at the Carlton Hotel.

As a result the vicar and the doctor were induced to part with more money, on one pretext or another.

When the vicar went to Paris, he was at a great disadvantage. He could not speak French, and he understood little of what was going on around him. He was told that he must travel by the "Golden Arrow"—the de luxe express—and wear a tall hat and frock coat.

A dinner was given in his honour at which he was introduced as the extremely wealthy Englishman who was going "to see the hotel property purchase scheme through."

Needless to say, neither the hotel scheme nor the machine-gun deal was ever brought to fruition.

One more enterprise, however, was left for Bartrum and Co. That concerned the sale of Dutch ecclesiastical bonds, and the vicar was persuaded to advance substantial sums of money to the company and also to buy further shares on the security of these bonds, which had a face value of £11,000.

I am able to state from my department's enquiries that one of the signatures on these bonds is a forgery, and that they have been repudiated by Dutch bankers. A recent action in the Dutch courts has shown them to be valueless.

Yet in the meantime the vicar has been ruined. He has been forced to file his petition in bankruptcy, and his estate is still in the hands of a trustee. In order to pay his debts, his church living was sequestered for a time.

Now I come to the particular part of Mr. James Bowhill Agard, who was for a period a director of Bartrum and Co., and has been closely associated with Tester

Agard devoted his special attention to the West Country doctor, whom he first met on one of the many conference days in the London offices of the company.

From the doctor Agard borrowed extensively.

Doctor deceived

He secured an advance from the doctor of £750 in order to finance a purchase of Russian glass. A woman using the name of Edith Hortense "Agard" was to guarantee this loan and, as an assurance of her ability to do so, a letter was produced, showing that she owned £9,000 in War Loan.

To the country doctor it all seemed fair and aboveboard. But when the time came for a settlement of the loan, the money was not repaid.

What Agard did do, however, was to travel to the West Country with a cheque for £667 drawn by another woman, which was paid into the doctor's bank in settlement of the advance.

That same day Agard interviewed the doctor, and assured him that the loan had been repaid. In this way he secured an advance of another £175 on a post-dated cheque signed by Edith Hortense "Agard."

The doctor, delighted at receiving back his £667, naturally considered that the additional £175 would be "quite all right."

But the £667 cheque was dishonoured, and so, too, was the second cheque.

I find that the woman who signed the first cheque was a clerk in a business office. She had a banking account, but only for a small amount. Agard persuaded her to draw the cheque for £660, on the definite promise that he would pay the money into her bank before the cheque was presented.

When the doctor later started legal proceedings to obtain a return of his money, it was discovered that Edith Hortense "Agard," the defendant, who had entered an appearance and had sworn affidavits in that name, was not "Mrs. Agard" at all.

Her real name was Edith Hortense Watts.

So a new action had to be started against Mrs. Watts, alias "E. H. Agard," and lately judgment was secured against her for the full amount claimed, with damages and costs.

But though the High Court has decided in his favour, the doctor cannot recover his money.

In the family

There are no assets belonging to Mrs. Watts against which he can distrain. She lives in a well-furnished house in London, but there is a bill of sale on the furniture there, executed in favour of Lilian Estates, Ltd., a company with a capital of £100, all the shares of which are held—curiously enough—*by the Tester family.*

Meanwhile, Bartrum and Co., "bankers," has been forced into liquidation and wound up. The assets of the company are nil.

Similarly, the known assets of Tester in his bankruptcy are worth nothing, although the man stays repeatedly at first-class hotels. To cap it all, James B. Agard is a bankrupt.

After the facts I have related I suggest that the conduct of these two "financial experts" is worth the consideration of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

And I certainly recommend that no one should have anything whatever to do with any new adventure either of these men may launch.

The million-pound talker was to supply machine-guns to the King of Afghanistan, whom you see here. We wonder if he has heard anything about it?

BERNARD SHAW FOR YOU!

BY exclusive arrangement with Mr. Bernard Shaw, JOHN BULL is able to provide, on pages 6 and 7 of this issue, an opportunity for you to secure an entirely new 1,228-page edition of *The Complete Plays of Bernard Shaw*—the first and only one-volume edition of all of his plays in the world.

This in itself is a big enough achievement, but the real surprise, as you will see when you turn to pages 6 and 7, is that this unique and valuable work is available at a price which is simply astounding for a work by such an eminent writer.

The masterpieces of a modern genius are thus brought within reach of every home.

Mr. Shaw has written a special preface for this edition, and the book contains the complete collection of 42 plays, including the three latest—*A Village Wooing, Too True to be Good* and *On the Rocks.*

Because it is a work that makes an ideal Christmas Gift, this valuable new edition has been made available in three beautiful bindings—all fully described on pages 6 and 7. You can choose which bindings you like.

The offer will definitely not appear again in next week's JOHN BULL, and it will be withdrawn on Tuesday, December 18.

A CRIMINAL CA ESC

"HAVE you the numbers of the stolen banknotes?"

"Yes, I have. Here they are."

The questioner was one of the members of the Big Five at Scotland Yard.

The man, who was fortunately able to answer "Yes," was an elderly and retired actor who, shortly before, had in a greatly distressed condition been ushered into the police chief's office at the "Yard."

He was, he said, a victim of persecution. His life had for some months been made almost unbearable by a man who knew of a damaging incident in his life and was using that knowledge to enrich himself at his victim's expense. The latter had already paid a heavy price for his silence, but his pursuer had now gone to the length of robbing him. That is why the victim had at last decided to go to Scotland Yard for help and advice.

He helped himself

It was a sordid story that he unfolded. He had been trapped into committing a moral offence. The rogue who, by the threat of revealing the man's lapse to his wife and relatives, extracted from him hundreds of pounds.

Finally, his victim instructed a solicitor to send his persecutor a letter threatening proceedings if the demands for money did not stop.

The rogue's answer was this: he did not demand more money—he took it.

He was well acquainted with his victim's household—knew the combination of the safe where his money was kept. He knew, too, at what times his dupe left his home. And just after receiving the solicitor's letter he called there, and, saying his visit was expected, was asked by the maid to wait until her employer returned.

Before he did so, his caller had unlocked the safe, removed the money and other valuables, and departed.

When his victim reached home he found that banknotes had been stolen from the safe, in addition to share certificates and other documents, which, in the hands of an unscrupulous person, could be turned to fraudulent uses.

The banknote helped to "send him down" —Leopold Harris

He had been able to trace the numbers of the stolen notes at his bank, and he went to Scotland Yard. With this essential clue the rest seemed easy. But, actually, the real work of investigation had only just begun.

The rogue had been masquerading under the name of an alias, and he had disappeared.

Who was he?

The clue of the banknotes was soon to provide the answer.

Scotland Yard men started to trace the "life" of the notes from the date they were issued to the victim of this persecution. Their investigations took them to a restaurant, a milliner's shop, a greyhound racing track, then a North Country hotel.

To-day, they *know* their man.

In two cases the incriminating notes have been traced to him and witnesses who cashed them have, without any hesitation at all, picked his portrait out from numerous others.

It has also been identified by the victim.

And an arrest may shortly be expected. . . . thanks to the banknote clue.

False accounts

This is just one instance of hundreds in which it has led to the identity, the arrest and the jailing of some of our most resourceful criminals.

A few weeks ago one of them was arrested by officers acting under a Chief Inspector of Scotland Yard. For years he had been obtaining large sums of money in bogus companies.

With the aid of false accounts and balance-sheets he had dodged police intervention over a long period by making it impossible for them to prove that the money had been fraudulently converted to his own uses.

Time and again, when enquiries were being pursued into his complicated affairs, he had perfected his spurious accounts so cleverly that he was able to show that the money involved was supposedly used legitimately.

Now, at long last, he has been trapped by the aid of the banknote clue.

Detectives, after months of enquiry, traced to him two £10 notes which belonged originally to one of his victims. One had been changed in a hosier's establishment in Manchester; the other at a hotel in Brighton.

Although both notes had subsequently passed through many other hands, patient enquiry revealed beyond any doubt that he converted the money to his personal uses. He is now in jail.

So is a thief, now serving a term of penal servitude, who played a part in one of the most baffling mail bag robberies of recent years, and also owes his detection and conviction solely to the tracing of banknotes.

Disguised as a woman, this man boarded a train which he knew from experience always carried mail bags, one of which contained registered letters.

In the temporary absence of the guard, he succeeded in extracting several packets containing banknotes worth many hundreds of pounds

Leaving the train at the next convenient station he travelled by road to his London home, changed into male attire and fled to the Continent.

One of the cleverest banknote investigations ever known began immediately this mail robbery was reported.

Scotland Yard detectives, aided by the provincial police and by the special department of the Bank of England, in which some twenty to thirty experts do nothing else but investigate suspicious matters relating to the circulation of banknotes, at once flashed the known numbers of the notes to all parts of the country and, later, to the Continent.

For a week or two the closest scrutiny was maintained on the numbers of all notes returned to the Bank of England, and it was found that the thief had succeeded in passing several in France.

Surprising him

The net had begun to close around him, slowly but surely. The gradual tracing of the stolen notes, which took more than a year, at last led to his arrest.

He was in due course prosecuted at the Old Bailey.

Much the same sort of thing happened in the case of a big Hatton Garden robbery which after an enquiry lasting for nearly two years, ended in the arrest and conviction of the guilty robber.

His banknote clue sent the "Bishop" to jail—Superintendent Horwell

It was Superintendent Cornish, of the "Yard," who handled this case, and his enquiries took him to night clubs, betting haunts, race meetings, and to several provincial towns where the thief was known to have associates.

Several thousands of pounds' worth of diamonds represented the haul in this robbery, and information was soon obtained that one broker had bought some of them, through a third party, and paid for them in banknotes.

Superintendent Cornish went to this broker's bankers, obtained the numbers of all notes which had been recently issued to him, and started his enquiries.

The Bank of England, in touch with all banks, watched carefully for them and, in due course, one came back after passing through the hands of several people.

Every bank has to keep a record of every banknote transaction of £5 and upwards, and, step by step, the people through whose hands this particular one had passed were interviewed.

It was finally established that immediately after it had left the broker's possession a bookmaker had innocently cashed it, and, when he was seen, he gave a description of the man concerned, whom he had known for some time.

Again the police got their man! It was not a difficult task once they had been furnished with a description of him in this way to find out who he was and who his associates were.

The enquiries which followed in the provinces and elsewhere finally led to his arrest and imprisonment.

"Squint-Eye's" doom

Two men who, following the robbery with violence of a Brighton man of means, were found guilty some time ago of murder, owe their downfall to the tracing of banknotes which came into their possession as the result of their crime.

One changed a note at a public-house in the East End of London. The publican was traced, and provided the police with details which, when closely followed up, led to the detention and conviction of both the men concerned.

The notorious "Squint-eyed Taylor" gang was broken up a few years ago, following a complaint from a man who was robbed of more than £80,000 through the medium of some of the most fantastic stories ever told, through the tracing of banknotes.

The victim did not know the identity of the real villains who worked

who
N'T
APE

CLUE of the DEADLY BANKNOTE

The hand that grasps a stolen banknote will soon feel the touch of cold steel bracelets. . .

through "dummies" and, but for the wearisome work of detectives who went from bank to bank, tradesman to tradesman, hotel to hotel, public-house to public-house, for nearly nine months, they would still be at large.

Most of the people who were interviewed and cashed the notes originally had only hazy recollections of the people for whom they did so. Finally a hotel-keeper, who was induced to accept a £50 note from a man who stayed with him for a few days, and who passed as an actor, was able to provide full details about the man.

This put the police on the real seent and, within six weeks, the "Squint-Eyed Taylor" gang was arrested in its entirety, and its leader is now serving a a long term of penal servitude in consequence.

One of the biggest crooked financiers ever jailed owed his conviction to the banknote sleuths. He had such a complicated set of books and accounts that it was practically impossible for the accountants employed in the case to trace any transaction in detail. Money-lenders, wine merchants, re-investments in interlocked companies, all come under the observation of the authorities of the Bank of England and the "Yard," and, in the end, the notes which were patiently traced to the financier's personal uses led him to the felon's dock.

He dug down to the truth about a mysterious jewel robbery — Superintendent Cornish

Although he does not know it, a dealer in stolen property who for some years has been passing as the "Bishop of the Falkland Isles," and who victimised people on a grand scale all over the country, is now in prison because banknotes played the chief part in the investigations made about him by Superintendent Horwell, of Scotland Yard.

His number up

The police traced a man who had handed the "Bishop" a note during a transaction, and this provided the link necessary to enable them to prosecute.

In the recent arson prosecutions which ended at the Old Bailey in the conviction of Leopold Harris and several of his confederates, banknotes played the principal part in procuring the evidence which "sent them down." Transactions which Harris and the others had had with banks for nearly ten years were unceasingly probed, and certain notes traced by Scotland Yard officers provided important evidence for the prosecution.

One of the most notable cases in which the banknote clue figured was that in which the late Mrs. Meyrick, "The Night Club Queen," was prosecuted for bribery offences. In this instance nearly twenty police officers were engaged for more than eighteen months in tracing notes.

The activities of one of the biggest forgery gangs of recent years was ended solely through banknote clues. A woman entered a West End shop one day and bought some expensive clothes. She changed a note and departed with the clothes and the change. As she reached the street she hailed a taxi, the driver of which was known to an employee who happened to be dressing the window at the time.

Months later one of the officers engaged on the investigations was making enquiries into the circulation of the note this woman had passed. His investigations led him to the shop. The owner could not remember, after all that time, anything at all helpful about the description of the woman. But the employee recalled the taxicab incident, and volunteered the information that she knew the driver.

He, after a little thought, brought back to mind, the address at which he had deposited the customer and her goods. The vital clue was thus obtained.

From that moment the woman and her associates were kept under observation. And in the end that single banknote transaction meant jail for them all.

Supt. Yandell of the "Yard": a great banknote tracer

Again, an American staying in this country was some time ago visited by a man who said he was an officer of the Inland Revenue, and had reason to believe that the American was cheating the authorities out of certain large sums due to them for income tax.

The American was so scared at the threats that he handed over something like £1,500 to his visitor at subsequent interviews. He had no knowledge of his real name, and but for the clever banknote enquiries which ensued, would undoubtedly have never seen him again. The crook in this case, foiled by the banknote clue, is in prison.

Then there is the case of Albert Creed, found murdered in his Bayswater shop a year or two ago. His murderer has never been found, though the police searched day and night for months, pursuing every possible clue in the hope of discovering his identity.

Death warrant . .

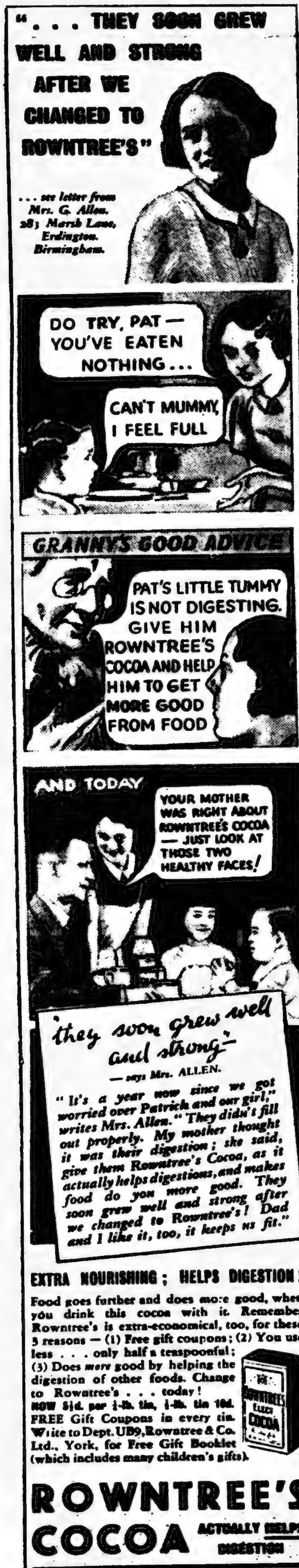
A £5 note was found to have been stolen from the till with other monies by the assailant, but every effort to trace it failed. Banks, public-houses, hotels, lodging-houses, restaurants, clubs and railway buffets were visited in the hope that some information about it could be found.

Not a word or a clue anywhere!

Had that £5 note been found the Creed murder might have been solved and the murderer sent to the gallows. He probably knew that to attempt to pass it might mean his death, and so he destroyed it. That is what the police believe he did.

But, fortunately, justice is not often cheated. The banknote passes from one hand to another, and with it passes the missing clue that so often holds up the work of the police.

Once the police get that clue, they almost invariably get their man!


DO TRY, PAT — YOU'VE EATEN NOTHING . . .
CAN'T MUMMY, I FEEL FULL
GRANNY'S GOOD ADVICE
PAT'S LITTLE TUMMY IS NOT DIGESTING. GIVE HIM ROWNTREE'S COCOA AND HELP HIM TO GET MORE GOOD FROM FOOD
AND TODAY
YOUR MOTHER WAS RIGHT ABOUT ROWNTREE'S COCOA — JUST LOOK AT THOSE TWO HEALTHY FACES!
ROWNTREE'S COCOA

" . . . THEY SOON GREW WELL AND STRONG AFTER WE CHANGED TO ROWNTREE'S"

. . . see letter from Mrs. G. Allen. 283 Marsh Lane, Erdington. Birmingham.

'they soon grew well and strong' — says Mrs. ALLEN.

" It's a year now since we got worried over Patrick and our girl," writes Mrs. Allen. " They didn't fill out properly. My mother thought it was their digestion; she said, give them Rowntree's Cocoa, as it actually helps digestions, and makes food do you more good. They soon grew well and strong after we changed to Rowntree's! Dad and I like it, too, it keeps us fit."

EXTRA NOURISHING; HELPS DIGESTION!

Food goes further and does more good, when you drink this cocoa with it. Remember Rowntree's is extra-economical, too, for these 3 reasons — (1) Free gift coupons; (2) You use less . . . only half a teaspoonful; (3) Does *more* good by helping the digestion of other foods. Change to Rowntree's . . . today!
NOW 5½d. per ¼-lb. tin, ½-lb. tin 10d.
FREE Gift Coupons in every tin.
Write to Dept. UB9, Rowntree & Co. Ltd., York, for Free Gift Booklet (which includes many children's gifts).

ROWNTREE'S COCOA ACTUALLY HELPS DIGESTION

BORN TWICE!

JOHN BULL READERS' STORIES

THIS is a story I have always wanted to tell—because it is the one tremendous experience in all my career as a doctor which still lives with me, years afterwards, complete in every second of intense drama it contained.

There was a time when it used to terrify me, looking back upon it, because of the immense problem it held, and because of my eleventh-hour escape from a living horror; there were many nights when I lay sleepless and disturbed, with my secret rattling like some skeleton within me.

Now, I can think of it rationally. It taught me something which, if I had already known, I had also forgotten—that in all the adventure of healing a Greater Physician has the final decision to make.

Perhaps I had better write of the beginning: it takes me back to the Midlands, where, at the age of twenty-nine, I was working hard in my first practice, building up a connection which had gone to pieces because my predecessor had been too old and rather impossible as a family medical adviser.

I had graduated five years before at Glasgow University. After three years of hospital work I had acted as locum in several parts of the Border country, gaining valuable experience. And then, a maiden aunt in Perth died and left me her small—but to me, considerable—estate.

It immediately changed my life, for it enabled me to purchase the practice of Dr. P——, in an industrial district in the Midlands, and I settled down with almost missionary zeal.

☆ ☆ ☆

I was keen, conscientious—too much perhaps—there were times when my sense of proportion threatened to leave me, and the more I saw of the homes and the conditions of my poorer patients the more I was roused to pitches of blazing intolerance against a system which made human existence so grey and grim.

I worked, literally, night and day, much to the disgust of my motherly housekeeper; I was imbued with the driving conviction that Fate had made it possible for me to be there because I had a mission to fulfil.

Of course, I was very young, and my early days in Scotland had taught me to take life seriously. My patients were my "charges"—I saw them as "humans," not as medical "cases."

When I was called in to attend to their bodies I found myself trying to explore their minds and their hearts, and it was that preoccupation—admirable if kept within sane limits—which set me on the path of my greatest adventure and almost wrecked my career.

That brings me to John Darkley. It is not his real name, as you will readily appreciate when you come to the end of my confession.

Imagine, as you read, a man, six-feet-three in height; broad in proportion and generous in weight; massive head crowned with thick, black hair; a strong clean-shaven countenance which accentuated the determined line of his lips and the square cut of his protruding chin. Not much compassion, or sentimentality there, you might say. . . . And you would be right.

Then think of his wife—strangely enough, incongruity in the mating of humans has always been a peculiar problem—she was a frail mouse of a woman. Somewhere within her there had dwelled the spirit of a lion, but Nature had given her a rather sickly body, which had drained her vitality.

When in repose her face was expressive of great gentleness, with a brooding shadow haunting it. But when she smiled, with her brown eyes suddenly lighting up with some inward glow, she was very beautiful. At moments like that she reminded me strongly of my own mother.

John Darkley was a master plumber—that is to say, he executed work on his own with the assistance of a youth who had just finished his apprenticeship. The front room of the house, on the street level, was a sort of showroom-cum-workshop-cum-office, although he did not carry much stock.

During working hours he was industrious and capable—but in his off-time he became another person, rather dandified, weakly submitting to his selfish instincts, brutally indifferent to his wife's loneliness in their childless home, and seeking his doubtful pleasures in some favourite public-houses and amusement dens in another part of the city.

I saw much of this when I first attended Mrs. Darkley for a chill; I began to learn other things, not asking but listening, when visiting in the district. I put two and two together, added them to my own observations, and John Darkley was revealed to me as a creature ugly with passion, intolerable with egotism, demoniacal in his cups, and as pleased with himself as if he were a paragon of virtue and a mountain of domestic rectitude.

Then came the evening when I was summoned to his wife by a neighbour woman who was her only companion. It seemed that she had fallen down the stairs of her home. And when I examined her I discovered her suffering from superficial bruising and severe shock.

She tried to smile brightly as I entered her bedroom.

"It was the polished floor on the landing, doctor," she hastened to explain. "The mat slipped from under me. John—he says he'll break his neck one day yet!"

I remember confiding in myself that such a happening might be a blessing in disguise.

"It's a miracle something like that didn't happen to you," I informed her. "Your light weight saved you. It might be as well to neglect polishing that top step in future."

She just smiled, rather pensively. I gave her a sleeping draught, and her neighbour promised to come round later to my surgery for a lotion and a tonic.

☆ ☆ ☆

As I was letting myself out downstairs, along the narrow and darkened corridor leading to the street, the outer door opened suddenly and I cannoned heavily into a huge figure which swore volubly and pushed me violently back into the house.

"Who the devil are *you*?" a thick voice demanded.

I shook off the restraining hand angrily. "I'm Doctor M——," I told him sharply. "I've just been attending your wife."

"Oh, so she sent for you!" he said. "Maybe I'd better have a word with you."

He pushed past me into his workroom and a match spluttered as he lit the gas.

I shuddered involuntarily as I saw the dissipation on his features, and his wide, bloodshot eyes. He turned to me quickly overhanging me like a high cliff threatening to fall in the tempest.

"Did she tell you what happened?" he asked abruptly.

And then I saw that the man was afraid. Of what, I did not know. But, palpably, he was scared of something.

"You are referring to your wife?" I countered, thinking quickly.

He nodded, not looking at me, but

(Continued on page 28.)

SETTLED *for* LIFE

BLACKPOOL is the holiday centre for the industrial north. It is the Brighton of Lancashire.

It was to Blackpool that one of our readers went to live in retirement. He bought a house and he settled down. After many years of busy life, he became of independent means. He sat back in his armchair and looked on.

It was good to feel that the house in which he lived was his own. He looked with pride on his new furniture, carpets and rugs. Then came a day when he was invited to spend a holiday with friends.

He went about the house and secured all the doors and windows. One cannot be too sure that burglars will not break in and steal all they can lay hands upon.

When he locked his front door behind him it was with a feeling of satisfaction that all would be as he left it until he returned.

A week went by and he was back again—back in Blackpool to the home in which he looked forward to spending many happy years ahead.

There was a surprise awaiting him. In his absence something had happened which was beyond his power to control.

He realised that his outer doors were not impervious to the ravages of an abnormally heavy rainfall, and water had flooded the ground floor to a depth of more than a foot. The carpets and rugs were ruined.

* * *

But he was a registered reader of JOHN BULL. He sent in his application under our free insurance scheme in respect of the goods damaged, and we footed the bill.

Could you rely upon such timely help if you were unlucky enough to be similarly situated some time?

All that is necessary is to fill in and forward the coupon on page 43.

The "HAPPY CHRISTMAS" CLUBS ARE SHARING OUT

Are you a member of a Share-out Club?

SHARE-OUT time is coming. All over the country tens of thousands of people are looking forward to the day—now only a week or so hence—when "the Club pays out." On that day Father will sally forth to the headquarters of the "Club" where he will find a group of people seated at a table on which are rows of fat envelopes—fat with the promise of good things to come. Father, having produced his club card, will receive the envelope which bears his name.

And Mother, Joan and young Tom also have their "Club" accounts. Remembering Mother's parting injunction, Father will put the envelopes in his safest pocket, and then home, full of smiles, to find the family eagerly waiting to receive their envelopes and count the contents. For it is a great thrill to receive your share-out money—great fun to hold it in your hands and to think it has grown out of those small sums that you saved regularly every week.

Yes, the Share-out Club is a wonderful idea. And when you remember that there are tens of thousands of them all over the country—that you find them everywhere—in factories and offices, in churches and chapels, in village inns and public houses, in social clubs, and institutes—you can judge what a big part they play in making the English Christmas such a cheerful festival of spending and giving.

There are, of course, other kinds of Share-out Clubs which "pay out" at other times of the year—Slate Clubs, Holiday Clubs, Wakes Clubs. For instance, every mill in Lancashire has its Wakes Club into which everyone pays a weekly sum so that when Wakes Week comes round everyone is sure of having "the necessary" for those glorious days at the seaside.

And now, by means of the new NATIONAL SAVINGS CLUBS, Share-out Clubs can easily become part of the great National Savings Movement which already includes over 35,000 National Savings Associations and Penny Savings Banks. The few rules which have been framed for the use of National Savings Clubs are very simple and have been designed to provide a sound basis of management and to safeguard, as far as possible, both officers and members against loss. The members' money is deposited in the name of the Club, in the Post Office Savings Bank or in a Trustee Savings Bank, where it earns interest at the rate of 2½%.

Anyone interested in running or starting a Share-out Club of any kind should certainly find out all about National Savings Clubs.

★ ★ ★

To THE NATIONAL SAVINGS COMMITTEE, LONDON, S.W.1.

Please send me particulars of National Savings Clubs.

NAME ______________________________

Please write in BLOCK LETTERS.

ADDRESS ______________________________

____

J.B. 2. NO POSTAGE STAMP REQUIRED on the envelope.

WHAT A BOY FOR HIS FOOD
WHAT A FOOD FOR A BOY

● If there was ever a boy who enjoyed the great big game of life, it's young Bob. He's up and into everything with a zest and interest which spring from sheer high spirits and health. And how he eats—a real rugged lad's appetite that must be satisfied. That's why, like his mother, he's all for Shredded Wheat. The healthy nourishment that is crammed into its crisp, golden shreds supplies the energy-fuel he needs and must have every day. If you've a young lad, too, give him the sustenance of pure whole wheat in its finest form—give him Shredded Wheat—the food that builds up health, strength and stamina.

SHREDDED WHEAT

Everybody's Everyday Health Food

MADE BY THE SHREDDED WHEAT CO., LTD., WELWYN GARDEN CITY, HERTS. Pratts

MABEL, WE OUGHT TO ASK THE FAMILY TO A PARTY
OH I HATE GIVING PARTIES. THEY'RE ALWAYS A FROST
MORNING, MRS. JONES. I'M TRYING TO FIND SOMETHING TO MAKE MY PARTY A SUCCESS
MY DEAR - I KNOW THE VERY THING
…ERAL GROCER & PROVISION MER…
LOOK-GET ROWNTREE'S JELLY. PEOPLE ADORE IT- THERE'S REAL FRUIT JUICE IN ROWNTREE'S
LOVELY PARTY- WONDERFUL SUPPER - WHAT IS THAT PERFECT JELLY WITH THE MARVELLOUS FRUIT FLAVOUR?
OH THAT'S ONE OF ROWNTREE'S - I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE IT

Give your guests a good time —

Serve Rowntree's Jelly at your supper party. Grown-ups and children adore the fine fruit flavours of these sparkling jellies. You can taste the luscious freshness of ripe fruit juice in every mouthful. Good for children, too — these jellies are so easy to digest. Insist on Rowntree's when you buy your jellies. 12 flavours, (including Raspberry, Lemon, Strawberry, Orange and all the favourites). A free Gift Coupon in every packet. (You can use it with Rowntree's Cocoa coupons).

Real fruit juices in

ROWNTREE'S

Table Jellies

after SMOKING

Soothe tickling throats. Freshen the mouth.

VICK LOZENGES 6d

DELIGHTFUL TO THE TASTE

BORN TWICE!

Continued from page 26

gazing at his feet. "Yes—about—how she fell down the stairs."

Could it be possible? Had he had something to do with her accident?

"Yes—and she might have been killed. Also, I'm afraid your wife's general constitution isn't too good. She needs careful attention, plenty of rest. . ."

"That's my business," he interrupted.

"Naturally," I replied, and with a curt "Good-night" I left him, standing there as if he were in a dream, seeing things that did not exist in the room, trembling like a child who has wakened up from a nightmare.

I was in that strange house frequently after that. And somehow or other the great giant of a fellow never seemed to leave my thoughts

I saw that Mrs Darkley was failing so quickly that if the decline were not arrested she would not live long. It was not physical; it was sheerly mental—her spirit had gone from her. Some inward blight which all the surgical and medical skill in the world would not cure.

But always, through her tribulations, she would keep smiling bravely. She had a beauty of soul in her eyes. . . .

One night, long after my housekeeper had gone to bed, and I was sitting reading after a tiring day, I answered a ring of the door-bell and found Mrs. Darkley standing on the step.

☆ ☆ ☆

Would I come immediately? It was her husband—he was terribly ill, unconscious

Ten minutes later I found Darkley deeply comatose; so deep in fact that I thought at first that he was dead. When I made a quick examination I was startled to discover the unmistakable symptoms of poisoning.

I wheeled round to Mrs. Darkley, who was hovering at my side, and demanded to know what had happened. At first I was sick with dread lest she said she had given him the stuff. I did not want her to tell me then, for I knew what my position was in relation to the law. But quickly, nervously, stammering in her distraught condition, she began to tell me—and I knew that it was the truth.

She told me as I worked over him, giving him an emetic and an injection. He had come home the worse for drink, and gone into the scullery for a drink of lime-juice to assuage his thirst, and in the darkness had poured himself out a glass of a patent disinfectant.

Well, he was as good as dead. He ought to have been dead—only his strength had saved him so far.

It was then that I was tempted. He had only himself to blame. If I delayed action, if—in many ways—I was thoughtless or neglectful, was unable to give him the magnesium sulphate he so desperately required (and which I had at hand, strangely enough)—he would trouble Mrs. Darkley no more.

☆ ☆ ☆

I saw myself as a deliverer. Years of agonising indecision and temptation passed over me. I forgot myself, forgot Darkley, thought only of his saintly wife, did not stop to count the consequences, worked myself up to a frenzy of mad idealism. . . .

Suddenly, in the distance I heard a voice say:

". . . . let him live!"

Dumb and distressed, I turned and saw Mrs. Darkley on her knees by his bedside, praying fervently.

She still loved him; that was the wonder of the moment. Sick and ashamed I set to work. And I realised that his was not the only crisis that night.

John Darkley was not intended to die that evening. Three months later the Darkleys left the district. They may have gone out of my life—but they certainly had not gone out of my mind.

Three years later, one winter afternoon, a large saloon car drew up outside my house, and in a few moments I was staring into the faces of Mr. and Mrs. Darkley.

I almost gasped as they entered my sitting-room and shook hands with me. They looked prosperous and happy. He was still the massive giant, but somehow the corners of his granite seemed to have been rounded off; a tinge of grey flecked his temples and his whole expression had mellowed; the old arrogance was gone; there was still pride, but the lips were kindlier.

His wife was bright and contented-looking; her cheeks were fuller than ever I had seen them before, and they were flushed with good health. The expression in her eyes was more beautiful than ever.

When she looked at me it was like receiving a blessing.

They had tea with me, and we talked. Then the conversation came round to that unforgettable night.

"It takes a fright to let a man see what a fool he can be," Darkley said with marked sincerity. "Do you know, that night you saved my life I died."

"Almost—but not quite," I said, and a shiver ran over me.

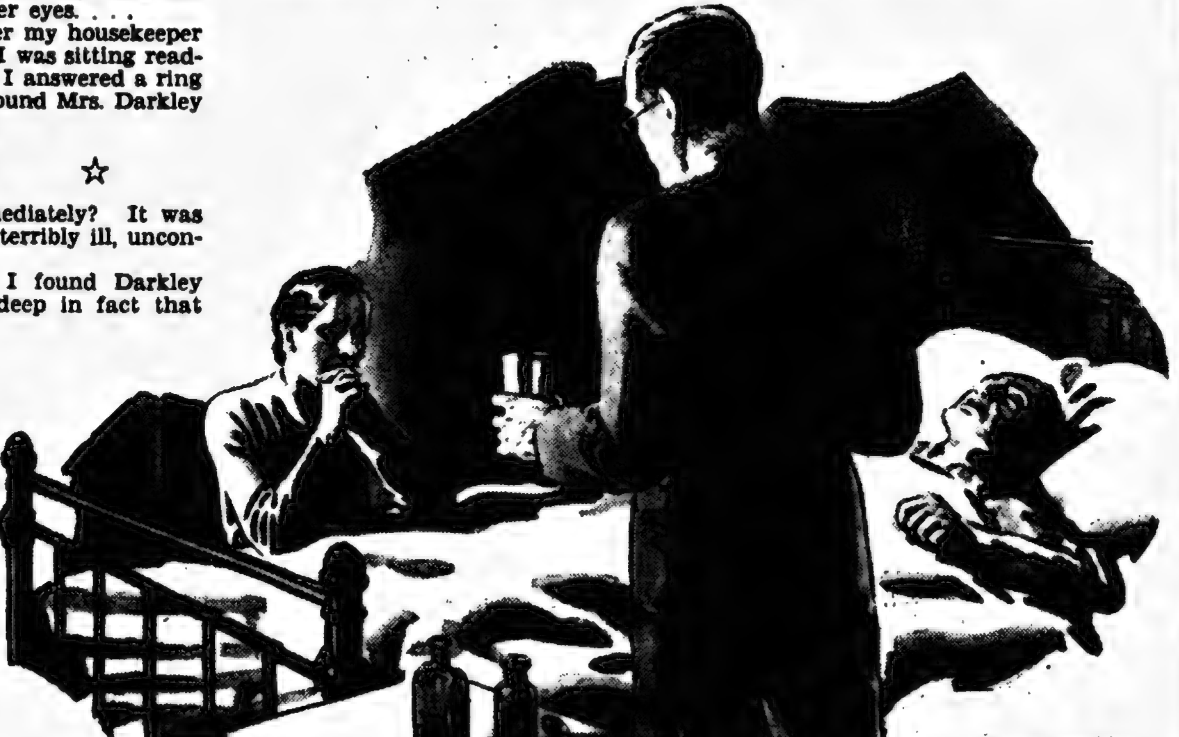
☆ ☆ ☆

"Absolutely dead," he insisted quietly. "You see, that was the end of the old John Darkley. Oh, yes, don't look as if I am mad, doctor. It's the solemn truth. I was born again in that travail. Anne here," and he looked affectionately at his wife, "told me that it meant I—well, that I must have some good still to do. It's not everybody gets a second chance."

For twenty years they have been my closest friends. He is the managing director of a flourishing business; he has made his fortune—and has spent it on charitable works.

His most recent gift was a five-figure contribution to a convalescent home for mothers. . . .

And yet, how near to losing all that magnificent giving was the world that night, because of a crazy young idealist who did not know what Anne Darkley knew in her faith, that "love casteth out fear."



She still loved him—that was the wonder of the moment

The Greatest of These —

A Christmas Nightmare

LITTLE Doreen, aged five years, is, like all kiddies, looking forward eagerly to Christmas.

Her ex-Service dad, who served for sixteen years in the Army as a farrier, and went through the War, views the coming of Christmas with dread, as his present work on the land, termed "beeting," will then have ceased.

When he signs on for his unemployment pay he will receive nothing for the first week and three days' pay the second week.

It is impossible for him to save towards that rainy day out of his present wages, amounting to 29s. 3d. a week, and he has only had odd jobs since he left the Army. So, to him, Christmas week looks like being a destitute week.

Briefly, Doreen's mother's troubles are these:—

To be in a position to secure clothes for Doreen and her three younger children she joined a Service Club, and now her weekly instalments are behind to the extent of about £2, and she is threatened with proceedings.

Then she owes about £2 to the Nursing Association whose services she needed when her baby was born in October, 1933. There are also arrears of rent to the tune of under 30s., and she owes "a few little debts besides."

Before her marriage Doreen's mother was comfortably off as a house-parlourmaid. Her late mistress says: "Since she married I have seen her from time to time and know how difficult things are for her sometimes. She is very hard-working and honest, and has four young children, to whom she devotes herself."

Their Vicar says of the family: "I consider them deserving of any help they may be able to obtain from the War Sufferers' Fund of JOHN BULL. They are fortunate to have got into touch with such a splendid organisation."

How far they are fortunate rests with our readers, who, now so near the anniversary of the night when Christ was born in lowliness to save mankind, will, we hope, send liberal help to save such families as Doreen's.

All donations earmarked "Doreen" or for the general fund, which is hard hit at this time of the year, with many cases of hardship knocking at its doors, should be sent to The Hon. Secretary, JOHN BULL War Sufferers' Fund, 93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2, and will be acknowledged where names and addresses are given. Will "Worthy Cause—10s." accept our thanks? But we must point out that donations cannot be acknowledged in JOHN BULL.

Lists of subscriptions are kept at the office, and a copy of the current week's will be sent on application.

Doreen

'THE WRECK OF THE HESPERUS'

Does it give you a pain?

Painful it may be—but not so painful as the wreck of the digestion. This condition is usually due to eating tempting but indigestible dishes without Mustard. Pork and duck, for instance, need Mustard to make them easy to digest and to bring out their flavour. And Mustard makes all the difference to beef, bacon and eggs, sausages and welsh rabbit. With any of these you'll find

it's nicer with Mustard

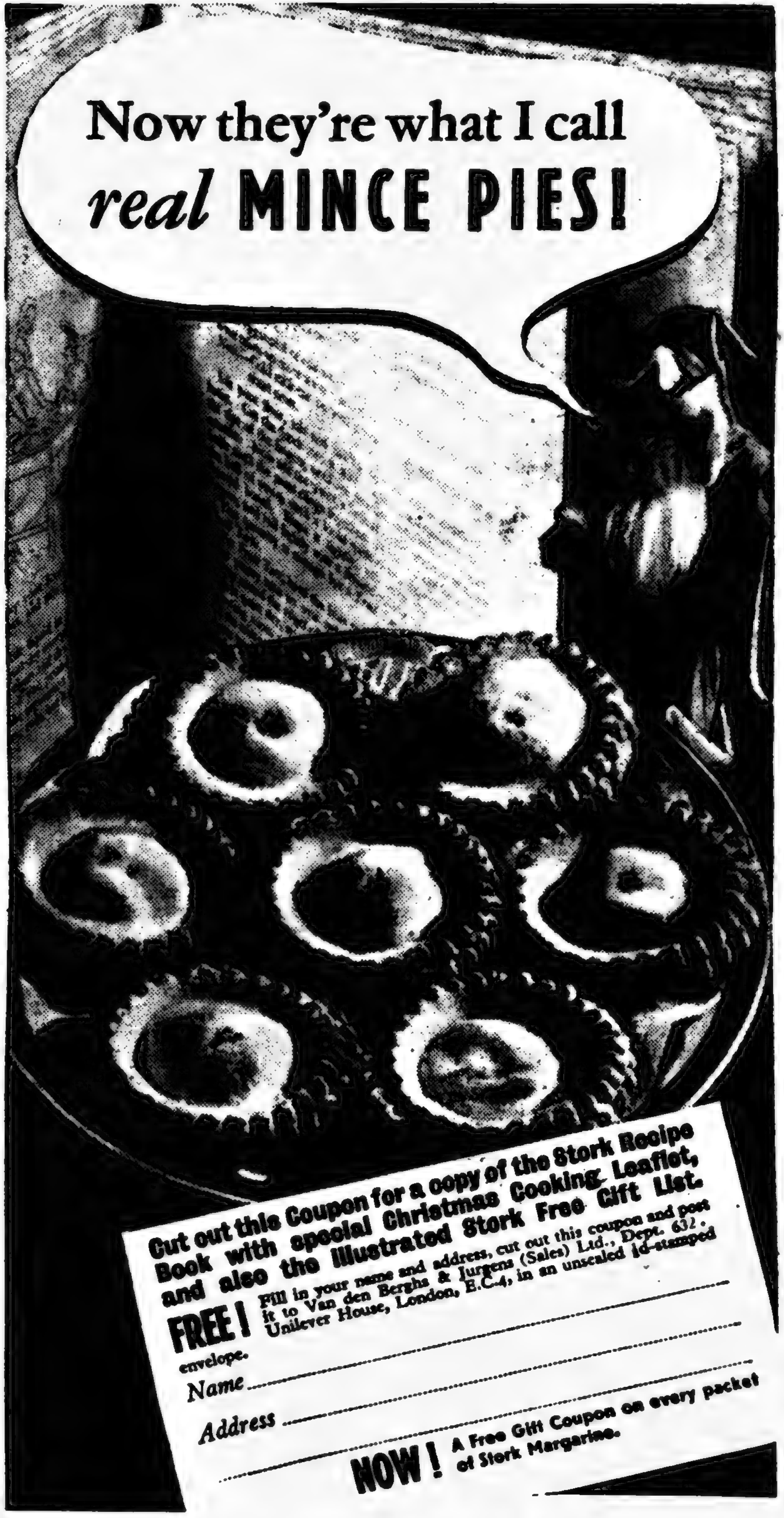
—Colman's Mustard

You get more nourishment from a slice of BREAD than from any other food at an equal cost

There is no better breakfast food than Bread—and none nearly so cheap. It is practically all pure nourishment, body-building and energy-producing, yet it costs far less than cereal foods although it has a much higher food value. Start the day right on Bread—order an extra loaf from your baker *now*.

ISSUED BY THE MILLERS' MUTUAL ASSOCIATION

C.F.H. 104



Cut out this Coupon for a copy of the Stork Recipe Book with special Christmas Cooking Leaflet, and also the Illustrated Stork Free Gift List.

FREE! Fill in your name and address, cut out this coupon and post it to Van den Berghs & Jurgens (Sales) Ltd., Dept. 632, Unilever House, London, E.C.4, in an unsealed ½d-stamped envelope.

Name ....

Address ....

....

NOW! A Free Gift Coupon on every packet of Stork Margarine.

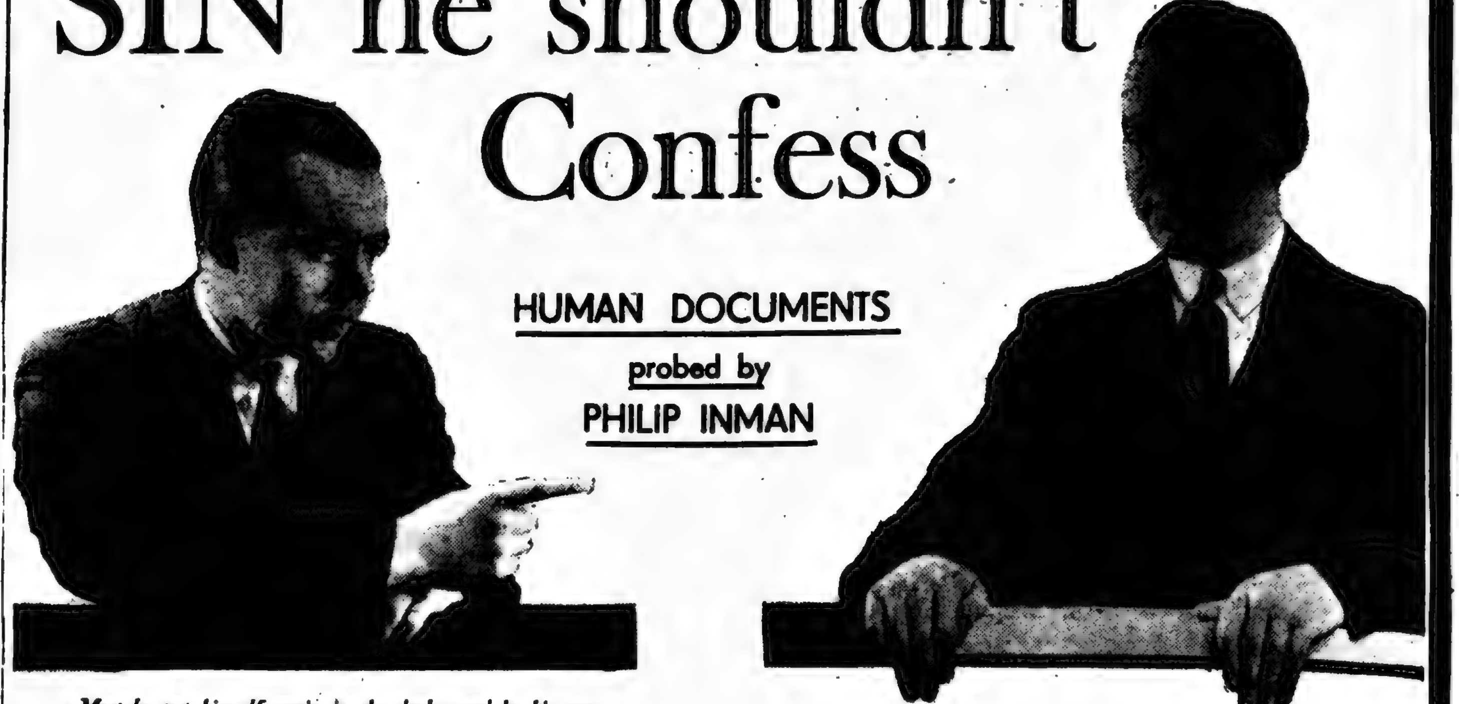
When it comes to the important Christmas baking it's Stork Margarine you need. There's no risk of failures then. Stork makes such crisp pastry—deliciously fresh-flavoured, it simply melts in your mouth. And, for Christmas Puddings, Stork mixes evenly right through, making them light and digestible. Use the Stork Recipes and Christmas cooking will be more than a success; it will also be nourishing food. You'll find everything you like to eat at Christmas in the Stork Recipe Book—simple recipes that make the most delicious things easy. Send for this FREE book—cut out *your* coupon NOW!

8d. *per lb.*

STORK MARGARINE

JS 367a-71-66

SIN he shouldn't Confess



HUMAN DOCUMENTS

probed by

PHILIP INMAN

Must he put himself again in the dock—and be his own accuser?

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON once said that we ought to give thanks every day for our shame that has been hidden from the world. What did he mean? Simply this: There is a skeleton in most family cupboards, but, fortunately for many people, it remains concealed from the public glare.

But there are some folks with a past who are not so successful in hiding it. Sometimes it "leaks" out, and then . .

'Some years ago," a young man writes to me, "when I was twenty-five, I was sent to prison for a month for embezzling money from my employers. When I came out, I stood the sneers of my one-time friends as long as I could, and then one day I decided to make a break with all my old associations. That was not difficult, for I had no real home. My parents had both died when I was quite young.

"I went to the railway station, and asked for the loan of a time-table. I opened it at random, and I saw the name of this town. I knew nothing about the place, but I packed up my things, and that same day I arrived here a complete stranger. Then commenced a desperate search for work, but I soon discovered I might as well 'Ask for the moon as expect a job without a reference.'

"Then, in sheer desperation, I forged two testimonials, and, supported by them, within a week I obtained a post which I have kept ever since. Not only have I kept it, but I am now my governor's right-hand man, and I can truthfully say that I have never let him down. What is more, three years ago I married a local girl. We are intensely happy, and have a fine little boy of two and are eagerly expecting the next one.

"Now, neither my wife nor my employer know anything about my past, but I am blessed, or cursed, whichever way you look at it, with a vivid conscience.

"I can't go on living this lie, and yet, if I should confess, I simply dread what the consequences would be. I ought to tell you that it is unlikely that I shall ever be discovered, for both the people whose names I used are dead. Please, I beg of you, tell me what you think I ought to do. I shall act upon your advice, whatever it may be."

●

Now, this young man admits frankly that he has committed two crimes in his life. For the first he was found out and sent to prison for a month. Fortunately for him, the second lapse was not discovered. "Fortunately," because the forging of letters, coming on top of embezzlement, would have landed him again in serious trouble.

Now it is seven years since these things happened, and much has taken place in that time. Two things at least are very important. In the first place, he has served his present employer for most of that time, and he assures me that he "has never let him down." Then he has married, has a young child, with the prospect of another.

It is always a pity when the innocent have to suffer for the guilty. Sometimes it is unavoidable; but in my opinion this case is different. My correspondent, by hard work and decent living, has atoned for his past.

Supposing he were to confess now, what good could come of it? His wife would be greatly disturbed in her mind just at a critical time in her life when she should be kept free from worry and disappointment. And his employer, too. He has placed implicit trust in this young fellow. A revelation of this kind would come as a shock to him.

My advice to him is: "Let the dead past bury its dead." I admire this young fellow for putting up such a fight when he was given the opportunity. Let him go on playing the game as splendidly as he has done. And let him be thankful, with Robert Louis Stevenson, for the shame that has been hidden from the eyes of the world.

●

I have quoted this letter first for a reason. It will, I think, be of help to the girl who writes to me in this way:

"I want to know how I can put myself right. I was brought up to go to Sunday school and then to church. These things I continued until recently, when I fell into bad company, and as a result I have become a slave to gambling and drinking. I have a very good home, but my parents have told me that unless I change I can clear out.

"Though I am only twenty-one years old, it seems that when one gets into a state like this, people, instead of trying to help, want to push you down more and keep you there. I have told my father and mother that I am sorry for what I have done, but then, so great a hold have drink and gambling upon me, that I succumb again and again, and it seems to be almost eating me up. Now, Mr. Inman, do you think it possible that I can live down the past and overcome these evils that have come my way?"

I would draw this correspondent's attention to the record of my first correspondent. He played the fool as a young man of twenty-five, but during the last seven years he has proved that Tennyson was right when he said: "Men may rise on stepping-stones of their dead selves to higher things."

Of course this girl can live down her past. There are people living to-day who have conquered far greater evils. What others have done, she can do too.

Now, there are those who would advise this girl to make a break with her present surroundings. They would say that it would be easier for her to make a fresh start in new pastures. I am not so sure. If she goes away, she may find herself lonely, and it would be easy to succumb to her old temptations.

There is one thing that will help her. She does not tell me what her work is, or if, indeed, she has any work at all. That is the first essential—useful occupation. She tells me she is twenty-one years old. That is the best stage for taking up nursing. I know there is an excellent hospital in the town where she lives. I suggest she might consider taking this training. It would serve the purpose of equipping her for a useful life, of keeping her under discipline.

The "Second Chance" has figured in both the problems I have quoted. Here it is again—but this time the letter comes from the one who has been wronged. A young husband writes:

"I was married in 1931, and we have no children. My wages are £4 a week, out of which I give my wife £3. Although my money is good, I have to work all hours of the day, and I never know when I am coming home. Sometimes I may see my wife twice a week, for she is always out, and, as I am tired through having to work so hard, I go to bed.

"When I see my wife I ask her where she has been, and I always get one answer: 'To my friend's home.' She knows I can't get off work to take her out, and sometimes she pretends to grumble at me, although I give her anything she asks for.

"I came home early one day, to find, as usual, no dinner, my wife not in, and the door locked. I enquired from a neighbour, and was told a young lady and my wife had gone out together. I changed and went to look for her.

"I was walking down the road when I saw her and her friend with two young men. When she came home she objected to my questioning her, and in a huff cleared off and left me. Now she wants to come back, and apologises for her wrongdoing. I am in two minds what to do."

●

Now, I can see this problem from two standpoints—that of the husband *and* the wife. My correspondent says: "I give her anything she asks for." That sounds very attractive, but—it isn't marriage. The building of a home life is a job for two—for companionship is the foundation of the structure.

This young man must remember that. He must realise that "all work and no play" not only makes Jack a dull boy, but inflicts upon his wife a pretty dull existence too.

So much for the one side of the picture. Now for that of my correspondent. He certainly has grounds for complaint. He tells me that his wife is "always out." And from his one experience, when he caught her in the company of other men, he probably concludes that this is the way she spends most of her time. But, whatever may have been her faults, she has expressed her sorrow for them all, and has asked her husband to take her back again.

Should he do so? If he still loves her, he should. And if, as I hope, that happens, let me say just two things.

My correspondent must completely wipe out the past regrettable incidents, and never mention them again. If he harbours any ill-feeling there is never likely to be permanent peace.

And a word to that young wife: She has shown herself ready to take and spend the money earned by her husband. She must do her duty in return. She can do that by playing a real wife's part in the home.

Send your private problem to "Humanist," at 93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2, enclosing stamped envelope. £1 1s. is paid for each letter quoted.

Her old enemy BRONCHITIS

"The bottle was finished......so was the cough!"

Her old enemy! And then she found a truly dependable ally in Famel Syrup—the cough-killer. One bottle was enough, for Famel Syrup does its healing work quickly as well as effectively, ending racking coughs, obstinate catarrh, bronchitis and very often asthma, almost before they know they are being attacked. Famel Syrup is not the ordinary cough mixture. It is a scientific product made to an original formula; many doctors and sanatoria all over the world prescribe and recommend it.

IT HAPPENS EVERY DAY

Let Mrs. B., of Birkenhead, tell her experience in her own words:—"*May I offer you a word of praise and thanks for Famel Syrup. It is wonderful. A few weeks ago I caught a very bad cold and my Old Enemy Bronchitis was not far away when we read of Famel Syrup in the '—— Times.' We got a bottle and after I had taken two doses I was a new woman. When the bottle was finished, so was the cough, and catarrh had completely gone. In future we will never be without a bottle in the house.*"

How is it that Famel Syrup has reached such a commanding position as the acknowledged remedy for coughs and similar ailments? For years and years doctors and chemists have known of one supreme curative agent. But it could only be inhaled—it could not be taken internally. Now, in Famel Syrup, has been found a way of preparing this perfect remedy so that it can be taken internally, attacking the germs at the very centre of infection instead of scratching at the exterior.

Famel Syrup is the first cough remedy to do this. It removes the very causes of your cough; gives you permanent relief; saves you the torment of cough-haunted sleepless nights. However bad your catarrh or your cough — never despair. For while there's Famel, there's hope.

FAMEL *Brand* **SYRUP**

[1/6 & 3/- (triple quantity) *Sold by all Chemists*]

Distributors: Wilcox Jozeau & Co., Ltd., 15, Gt. St. Andrew Street, London, W.C.2, and 19, Temple Bar, Dublin.

TOOK DRUGS FOR 30 YEARS, THEN CEREAL BROUGHT RELIEF

This User Endorses ALL-BRAN for Constipation

If you suffer from headaches, loss of appetite and energy or any other of the frequent effects of constipation, read this voluntary letter:

"After taking drugs for about thirty years for constipation, I started to take your ALL-BRAN three times a day according to directions. To-day I can eat cheese, and that is binding, and certainly feel fine."—Mr. E. F.

Science says ALL-BRAN provides "bulk" to excercise the intestines, and vitamin B to further aid regular habits. In addition, ALL-BRAN is rich in blood-building iron.

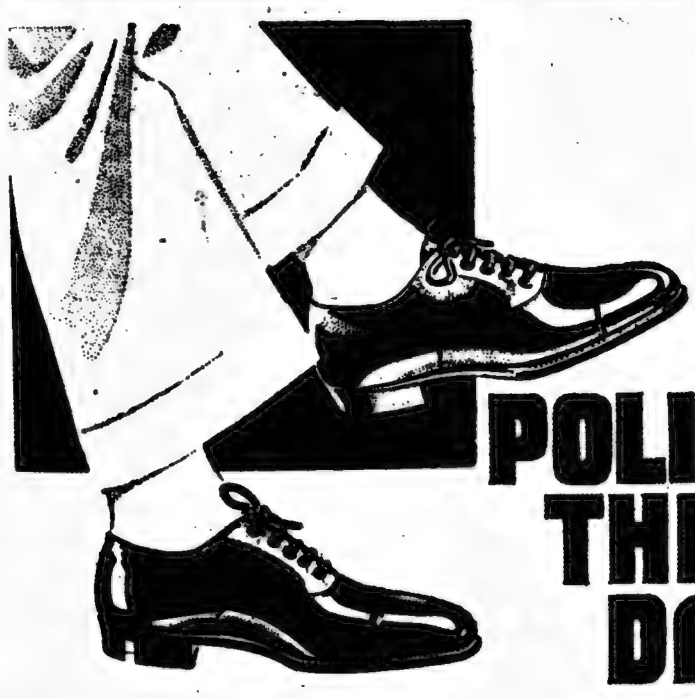
The "bulk" in ALL-BRAN is much like that of leafy vegetables. Inside the body, it forms a soft mass which gently clears the intestines of wastes.

Isn't this pleasant "cereal way" far more healthful than using drugs —so often habit-forming?

Just eat two tablespoonfuls daily. In serious cases, with each meal. If not relieved this way, see your doctor.

Look for the name Kellogg on every packet. Sold by all grocers. Made by Kellogg in London, Canada.

9d. per packet. (Not I.F.S.) R.3



POLISH THEM DAILY

WITH

CHERRY BLOSSOM BOOT POLISH

and notice the difference!

The DAILY SHINE for smarter shoes....
The DAILY SHINE for greater comfort.
The DAILY SHINE for longer wear.......
The DAILY SHINE for waterproof shoes

C.B.72.3

"It's so easy always to look your best"

The Lady Georgiana Curzon, one of Society's loveliest women

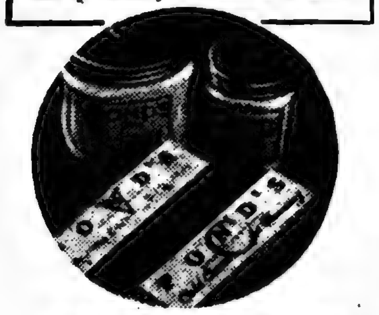
SAYS

LADY GEORGIANA CURZON

YES, even in winter, when grimy fog and east winds and stuffy rooms take their toll of beauty, it's easy to keep your skin fresh and soft and young—*always looking its best*—if you follow the same simple complexion care as Lady Georgiana Curzon.

" I always cleanse my skin with Pond's Cold Cream," says Lady Georgiana. Nothing can float out deep-lodged dirt so thoroughly as this pure penetrative cream.

" Pond's Vanishing Cream I find invaluable as a protection if I am out in the wind, golfing or riding." That is because this greaseless cream has special properties which protect the skin from roughening and coarsening. It is also a perfect powder base. As Lady Georgiana says, " It gives my skin a lovely finish and makes powder cling for hours ! "



Guide your skin to beauty with

POND'S CREAMS

PRICES FROM SIXPENCE

HAVE YOU TRIED POND'S FACE POWDER ?

SPECIAL OFFER: Write your name and address on this coupon, attach a 1d. STAMP to one corner, and post in 1½d. sealed envelope to *Dept. 595, Pond's Extract Company Ltd., Perivale, Middlesex,* and we will send you samples of all four shades of Pond's Face Powder, Natural, Peach, Rachel 1 and Rachel 2.

Name..

Address...

....

Warm as toast . . . throat at ease . . .
That's the ticket . . "More fares, please .

Go—suck a ZUBE"

ZUBES

3d. & 6d. In Flat tins 2½d. Per [illegible]

ZUBES ARE BEST FOR THROAT AND CHEST

VAPEX
INHALANT

quickly and safely ends the discomfort and danger of a cold in the head

●

First thing every morning put a drop of 'Vapex' on your handkerchief and breathe the germicidal vapour

●

Of Chemists 2/- & 3/-

THOMAS KERFOOT & CO., LTD.

A regular beggar for his Bob Martin's

If you neglect to give you dog his Bob Martin's, you allow food impurities to accumulate in his bloodstream and infect his whole system. In winter he needs Bob Martin's more than ever, for his foods are richer, while bad weather robs him of his proper exercise.

But Bob Martin's Condition Powders will keep your dog fit in the only natural way there is – by purifying his blood. Give your dog Bob Martin's Condition Powders at morning, noon and night every Saturday and Sunday. Then you will always have a healthy, well-conditioned dog . . . a regular beggar for his Bob Martin's.

BOB MARTIN'S
TASTELESS
CONDITION POWDERS

6d. packets 9 powders & 1/- boxes 21

HEALTH

HERE IS YOUTHFUL HEALTH for you — here at last is a tonic that will really conquer weakness, building new strength into body and nerves alike. Sanatogen has been recommended by over 25,000 physicians as an ideal tonic food. It must do you good A few weeks use will fill you with vigour and make you glow with health. Start your course to-day

SANATOGEN
The True Tonic-Food
At all Chemists from 2/3 to 19/9.
Made by GENATOSAN LTD., Loughborough.

Tragedies of the Beauty Parlour

"Beauty for sale here"—but how often is the price far too great!

WOMEN throughout the ages have been as ready to suffer in their quest of beauty as man in search of new lands and peoples.

In ancient China they constricted their feet so that they were rarely free from pain, a process still practised by many Chinese beauties. In ancient Egypt they agonisedly moulded their features with cockle shells, some of which have been found in Egyptian tombs, together with the deadly antimony used to beautify their eyes

Even to-day, in various parts of the world, they submit to nose-slitting, body-slashing, tattooing, nose-piercing and other tortures—which are yet but mild survivals of some of the frightening processes to which they used to submit.

But to people who read their newspapers last week it will seem that the highest peak of a woman's sacrifice for beauty was reached in the case of Mrs. Lizzie Rigby, of Nuneaton, who gassed herself in a London hotel.

At fifty-one years of age Mrs. Rigby fancied that the beauty of her youth was disappearing. She came to London to have her face lifted, the bagginess of her eyelids removed, her wrinkles blocked up with paraffin.

AFTER that her mirror told her what she dreaded to read in it. *Her appearance, she thought, was worse than ever.*

She took pen and paper, wrote that she had become permanently disfigured and looked ten years older, expressed regrets at the course she was about to take, because she still had such energy for work and found life a picnic in every respect save her loss of good looks, and then turned on the gas.

There are many Mrs. Rigbys about. You will find them every day in the West End of London, submitting to the surgical knives of beauty specialists who employ something more dangerous than mud-packs, depilatories, face astringents, permanent waving, making-up and similar harmless and effectual beauty aids.

In many cases they are warned that an injection of paraffin wax to correct a malformed bridge of the nose will go dangerously near the brain, that owing to a peculiarity in the grain of their skin facial surgery might make their appearance worse than ever, that owing to their particular temperament an operation to improve their eyes might make nervous wrecks of them.

But they will say "Get on with it!"—and weep hysterically if they are refused treatment, as they often are.

HOW many tragedies of the beauty parlour there must be can be gauged from the fact that the following instances we quote have come under the notice of three attendants who have never been associated with more than five salons in all.

One day a queenly looking woman, fine of bearing and with dignified features very little marred by the lines beginning to appear in her face, presented herself for treatment. She was a buyer in a West End store, earning probably £850 or more a year with her commission. Looks were important to her, but not all-important. But a thoughtless phrase —"My dear, you are aging," or something similar—sent her rushing along for treatment.

She was told what she would have to endure.

She would need to have a cut across the forehead, just where it met the hair. That was to lift the forehead. Then there would have to be incisions just over each eye and under the eye-brows. That was to remove the overhanging bagginess. Finally there would have to be an incision high on each cheek, just in front of the ears. That was to tauten the skin of the face.

An injection of paraffin almost bebetween the eyes would help straighten what was really a very charming Roman nose—and the treatment would be complete.

Then the beauty specialist made a discovery about which he thought he would warn her. Cuts have to run with the grain of the skin, otherwise there is danger that the wounds will keep bursting open, and hers was the kind of skin the grain of which could not be determined.

It was her own responsibility! And well, she undertook to have it done.

FOREHEAD, cheeks and eyes were thereupon cut to the depth of the third skin, and portions removed. The skin left was brought together by fine and bloodless stitching. Watch a schoolboy stick a pin through the skin at the end of his finger without touching the flesh, and you will see how it is done.

All that remained to be done was the paraffin injection. That was soon accomplished.

The treatment was fairly painless—but not what followed.

Try living through two or three days and sleeping through two or three nights with your eyes unable to blink or close in sleep, and you will realise one of the tortures she suffered.

On the second night, when she was tossing and turning in bed, the worst happened. Struggling to ease her staring eyes, she burst the stitches. Terror-stricken, she rang up her doctor, and the next day presented herself to have her eyes restitched.

Within two hours of leaving the salon her forehead scar had burst, too.

There is no need to enlarge on the harrowing details. Months went by before that woman's face was fully healed, and then it was marred by hideous scars. Her employers gave her a lesser job rather than sack her—a job in which looks were less important. Her dignity was hurt, and she resigned.

She can be seen begging in theatre queues now, a woman of less years than fifty with the looks of seventy.

ANOTHER woman whose whole career has been wrecked by such treatment once earned reasonably good money sitting for hairdressers and other beauty experts at exhibitions. She was pretty, but not pretty enough for her own liking, and so she submitted to the paraffin treatment.

It was successful—in changing the shape of the nose. Probably it improved the appearance of that organ. But since then her eyesight has been injured. She suffers from almost constant headaches. Unable to face glaring lights, she had to give up her exhibition work and the occasional film work she had been able to obtain.

Finding it hard to obtain a living, and a prey to constant depression due to her headaches, she has been ruined by that greed for just a little bit more beauty.

Another tragic case is that of an actress, who, offered a long film contract at something like £40 a week, went along to a beauty specialist to "improve" what was already a pretty enough face.

In her case the skin was too dry and lacking in natural oils to hold the stitches. The beauty specialist, desperate to remedy a bad job, made the mistake of imposing one scar on another. For months the cut on one of her cheeks would not heal, and the others left terrible white scars.

She lost her film contract because she was unable to face a camera for months. And to-day, with her beauty gone, the most she can do is to earn an occasional guinea doing a day's crowd work in a film studio, which even then is only got by days of fighting for work.

There sailed into a salon one day a grandmother, wife of a Midlands vicar. She demanded face lifting. But it seemed that the natural healing ability of her skin was impaired.

For months the wounds would not heal properly, by which time the most fantastic stories were told in her husband's parish to explain her absence.

Then when she arrived with her face scarred and sagging, there was a burst of ridicule that hit her husband harder than it hit her, driving him—sensitive as he was—to resign, and doing his career irreparable harm.

WHY do women do it? Countless people have wondered.

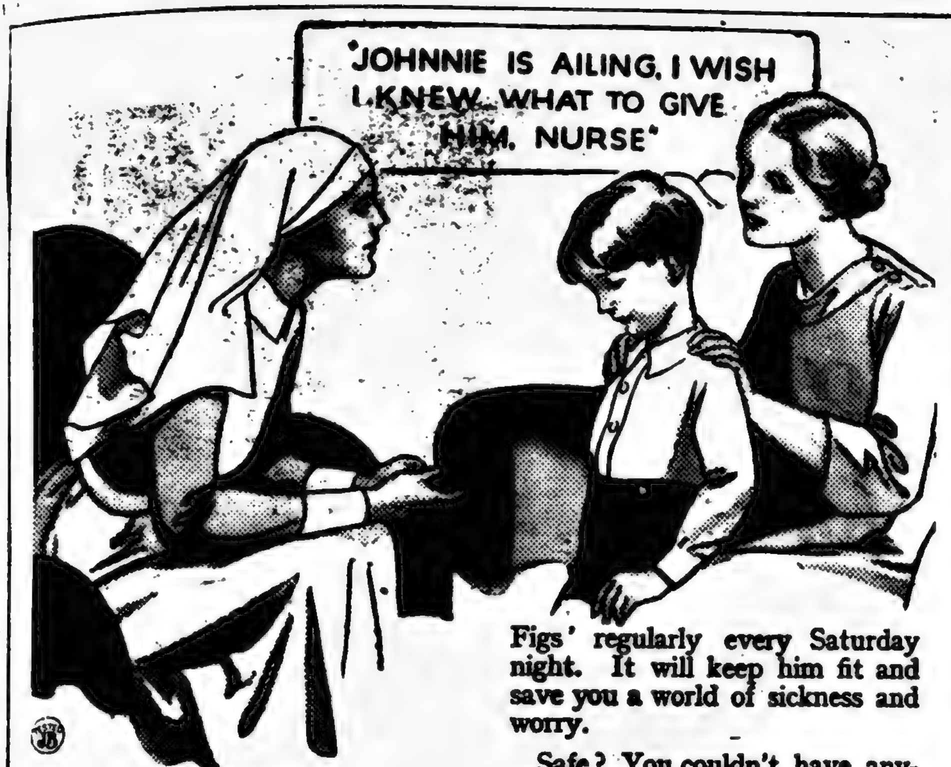
They have their arms strapped to their faces for days to enable skin to be grafted from forearm to cheek because doctors who treated men disfigured in the war discovered this way of rebuilding faces.

Face lifting, which is more dangerous because it is often tried by less skilled men, was also discovered in war hospitals—although not to beautify.

And as for paraffin injections—they are used, in certain parts of the world, to put a lump on the back of a convict that can never be removed, and so ensure that he will always be recognised as a jail-bird.

It is a strange thought that what a convict hates to have on his back a woman will pay ten, fifteen guineas or more to have on her face!

Perhaps we shall never understand these women who will suffer anything for beauty, except that Eve must have done the same in the Garden of Eden, and that in centuries to come her successors will still be rushing along for the most drastic possible beauty course, whatever the pain or suffering involved.


"JOHNNIE IS AILING. I WISH I KNEW WHAT TO GIVE HIM, NURSE"

"I expect he's constipated. Show me your tongue, Johnnie. Yes, I thought so. See how it's coated. Your head aches, too, doesn't it Johnnie; and you feel poorly? Sure signs that he's out of sorts.

That's the trouble, Mrs. Wilson, his system wants a thorough cleansing. Give him a dose of 'California Syrup of Figs' now and he'll be as happy as a sandboy in a few hours. It's difficult to keep them regular—when they're young they get lazy about it and are soon upset. But you can avoid all that by giving Johnnie a dose of 'California Syrup of Figs' regularly every Saturday night. It will keep him fit and save you a world of sickness and worry.

Safe? You couldn't have anything safer! It's a natural fruit laxative, and acts like fruit on the bowels. That's why so many doctors recommend it, and give it to their own children.

Let Johnnie go to the chemist for a bottle now. There are two sizes 1/3 and 2/6. I always get the larger, it's cheaper in the long run. Johnnie, be sure you say '*California* Syrup of Figs' brand then there will be no mistake.

You can't afford to take chances with medicines, particularly with the children. No matter whether it is for myself or a patient, I always insist on the best that money can buy."

"California Syrup of Figs"
BRAND
'NATURE'S OWN' LAXATIVE

"John Bull" Guarantee.

EVERY article advertised in "John Bull" carries with it a "money-back" guarantee:—

> **All foods, food products, toilet preparations, medicines and drugs, and other articles capable of a laboratory test which have been approved by our experts are marked—**
> **In the case of medicines and drugs we guarantee that if they are taken or applied according to the directions they will have no injurious effects.**

Naturally this guarantee applies only to manufactured articles, but every care is taken to satisfy ourselves as to the bona-fides of all advertisements in "John Bull." Any complaint must reach us within one month from the appearance of the advertisement in "John Bull," and in the case of dispute the decision of our Managing Director shall be final.

***ODHAMS PRESS LIMITED*, Proprietors of "John Bull."**

HAYWARD'S

MILITARY PICKLE

Hayward's
MILITARY
PICKLE

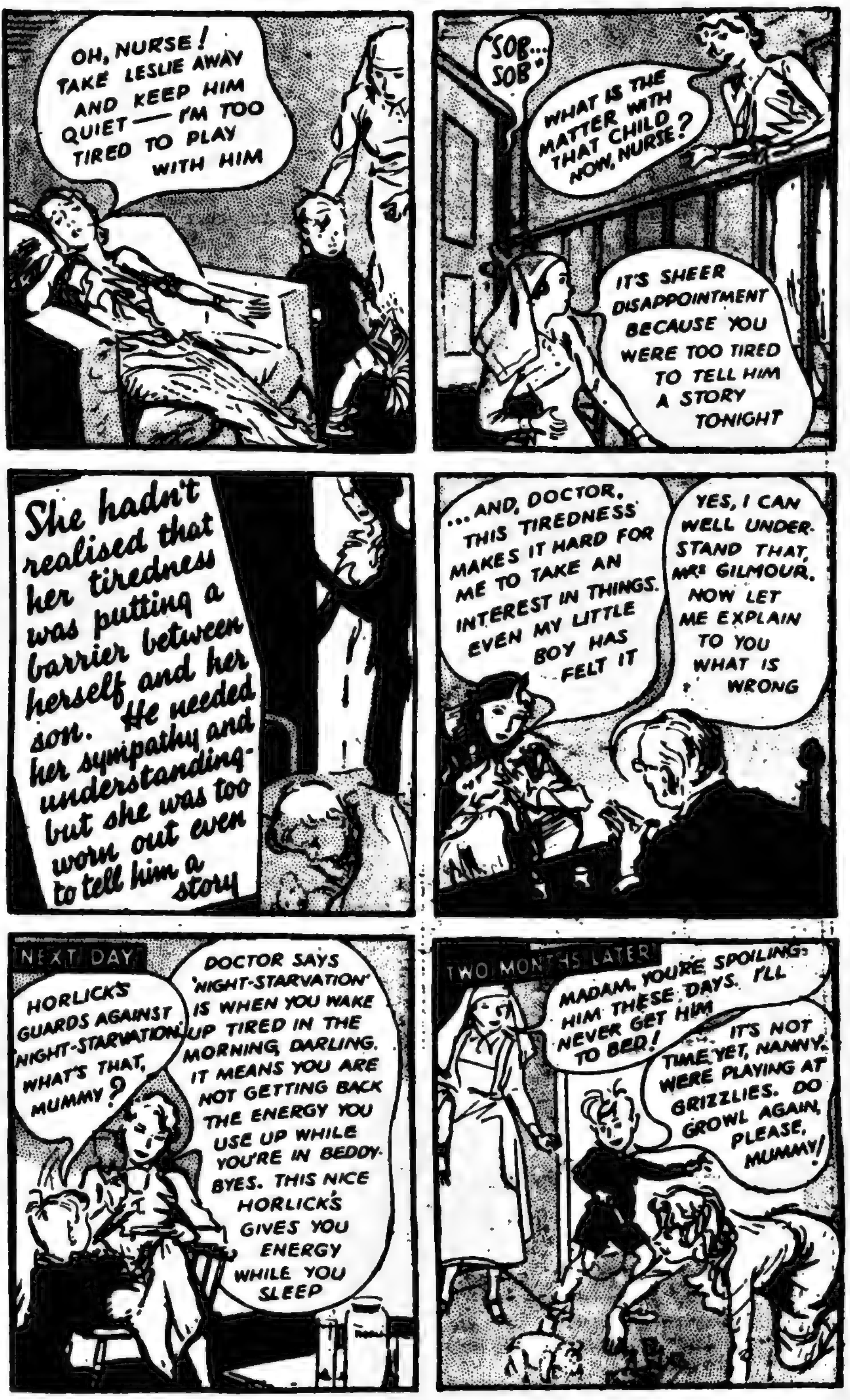
Appeals to all palates. It is crisp without being hard, small without being too "mashy.", neither too sweet nor too sharp.

Of all Grocers

HAYWARD BROS., LTD.
KENNINGTON, S.E.11

MY ONLY BOY -

and I nearly failed him


OH, NURSE! TAKE LESLIE AWAY AND KEEP HIM QUIET — I'M TOO TIRED TO PLAY WITH HIM
"SOB... SOB"
WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH THAT CHILD NOW, NURSE?
IT'S SHEER DISAPPOINTMENT BECAUSE YOU WERE TOO TIRED TO TELL HIM A STORY TONIGHT
She hadn't realised that her tiredness was putting a barrier between herself and her son. He needed her sympathy and understanding - but she was too worn out even to tell him a story
...AND, DOCTOR, THIS TIREDNESS MAKES IT HARD FOR ME TO TAKE AN INTEREST IN THINGS. EVEN MY LITTLE BOY HAS FELT IT
YES, I CAN WELL UNDERSTAND THAT, MRS GILMOUR. NOW LET ME EXPLAIN TO YOU WHAT IS WRONG
NEXT DAY
HORLICK'S GUARDS AGAINST NIGHT-STARVATION. WHAT'S THAT, MUMMY?
DOCTOR SAYS 'NIGHT-STARVATION' IS WHEN YOU WAKE UP TIRED IN THE MORNING, DARLING. IT MEANS YOU ARE NOT GETTING BACK THE ENERGY YOU USE UP WHILE YOU'RE IN BEDDY-BYES. THIS NICE HORLICK'S GIVES YOU ENERGY WHILE YOU SLEEP
TWO MONTHS LATER
MADAM, YOU'RE SPOILING HIM THESE DAYS. I'LL NEVER GET HIM TO BED!
IT'S NOT TIME YET, NANNY. WE'RE PLAYING AT GRIZZLIES. DO GROWL AGAIN, PLEASE, MUMMY!

MANY Mothers who read this real-life story often feel as Mrs. Gilmour did. Their trouble is "Night-Starvation." The energy they burn up during sleep is not being replaced, so they wake feeling fagged. Horlick's at bed-time guards against "Night-Starvation," restores energy while you sleep.

Horlick's has a smooth, fascinating flavour. It is real economy, too — the milk is in it, add water only. Prices from 2/-. Also the Horlick's Mixer, 6d. and 1/-.

"Fit and full of energy now,"
says Mrs. GILMOUR, 29 High St., London, N.W.3.

"I used to wake up feeling so tired," writes Mrs. Gilmour. "Looking after the house simply fagged me out, and you know what it is with a small son who is sometimes a bit of a handful! In the end I began to feel I was neglecting him. Then a doctor friend told me what was wrong. It was "Night-Starvation." I started taking Horlick's. Very soon I began to feel better, less and less tired, I am fit and full of energy now, and I would never dream of missing my cup of Horlick's at bed-time."

HORLICK'S GUARDS AGAINST NIGHT-STARVATION

This means you sleep soundly, wake refreshed and have extra energy all day

Beauty's Self
And Sweet and Twenty,
Blood full rich and
Health in plenty;
Lips and Cheeks
of Nature's Shade
That need no artificial aid.
Bright, vivacious, happy, gay,
Her sparkling eyes
enhance the day!
Her Health, her smiles,
her merry trills,
Her Beauty comes from
Beecham's
Sold Everywhere **PILLS**

ATCHOO!
smash that cold
NOW!

in an easy pleasant way

That cold may mean trouble later on . . . catarrh, deafness, head noises, loss of smell and voice:

Smash it *now* with POTTER'S CATARRH PASTILLES. They instantly clear away nasal discharge and ease breathing wonderfully.

Pleasant in use and a powerful antiseptic against 'flu or infection when travelling.

INSTANT RELIEF *from*

CATARRH, THROAT COUGH, COLDS, BRONCHITIS, CROUP, WHOOPING COUGH, HAY FEVER, etc.

B.S., Dallinger Rd., S.E.12, writes: "I wish to thank you for your Catarrh Pastilles. They are really splendid and a great relief when colds threaten."

Handy-sized tins 1/3, for pocket or handbag. All chemists, stores and herbalists, or 1/4½, post free from

POTTER & CLARKE, LTD.,
61a. Artillery Lane, London, E.1
(Makers of Potter's Asthma Cure)

POTTER'S CATARRH PASTILLES

M.P.'s Fight for JAILED BOY

Mr. Alfred Denville, M.P. for Newcastle.

FIFTEEN *years old*—a lad, living without parental control, rather wild and seeking to obtain money by any means that his wits suggested; but intelligent and capable of development under careful treatment.

Thirty-eight years of age—a man in a responsible position at Jarrow-on-Tyne, with his own business; a person of wide experience and the knowledge of good and evil

At Newcastle-on-Tyne Assizes the boy aged fifteen and the man aged thirty-eight are charged together with misconduct.

Result: *The boy of fifteen* is sent to prison for four months; *the man of thirty-eight* is bound over to be of good character for a period of two years.

We commented on this extraordinary anomaly of justice in a recent issue of JOHN BULL. Since then we have made a full enquiry into the whole circumstances of this distressing case, and as a result our astonishment is emphatic at the strange contrast of punishments.

The case has naturally aroused considerable controversy in Newcastle, where indignation has been expressed that such a thing could happen at the present day. The local Member of Parliament, Mr. Alfred Denville, has interested himself in the fight to secure justice, and though representation has been made to the Home Secretary the lad remains a prisoner.

Why should a man of thirty-eight be let off by the learned Commissioner of Assize and placed only under the restraint of behaving well and decently, whereas the boy goes forthwith to a cell in Durham jail?

They were associates in the form of misdemeanour with which they were indicted. Why, then, should there be this exceptional difference in the manner of their treatment?

It is surely one of those puzzles that is extremely difficult to answer.

Without any doubt the boy was a problem, but most people will agree, after reviewing all the facts, that prison was certainly not the place for him.

And the chances are that prison will simply harden his anti-social tendencies; incline to make them more active. Whereas if he had been treated in a different fashion the way of reformation might have been made easy.

Of course, that view regarding prison for a boy of fifteen is simply a matter of opinion. But the important consideration is this: A satisfactory alternative means of correction for the lad *was offered but not accepted.*

Instead, the learned Commissioner chose to send this child to a full-fledged jail.

Led away

Our investigations show that the boy had never had much of a fair chance in life. When he left school he could not secure any employment, and was left to roam the streets without hindrance. Hardly surprising that he drifted into bad conduct, and was led away by his companions.

His father followed the occupation of a hawker, and by the nature of his work could not watch his son. At the most trying period of adolescence the lad was uncontrolled and without proper guidance.

When the boy was arrested and his case sent for trial, the Educational Authority of Newcastle took the matter up with commendable decision. A senior education officer of the city, acting in conjunction with a parish priest, secured from the Roman Catholic Home for Boys at Market Weighton, Yorkshire, an offer to accept the young offender and to provide him with such corrective treatment and education as would probably eradicate his faults.

No more favourable position than this at the Market Weighton Home could possibly be devised for a rebellious lad of bad character.

Plea refused

The trial was taken. The boy and his middle-aged companion were found guilty Before any sentence was passed, the education officer telephoned the superintendent of the Market Weighton Home with the query: "Will you still take this boy, now that a conviction has been registered against him?" And the reply came back: "Of course we will do so."

At once the matter was mentioned in court. The police superintendent, who had dealt with the charge, suggested that the boy should be sent to the home, and this plea was emphasised by the education official.

But no. The learned Commissioner of Assize in his wisdom decided otherwise.

In sentencing the boy to prison, he made the rather significant statement that he expected he would be criticised, but he believed the course he was taking would be the best for the boy, and best for others. He would rather not send him among other boys where there would be a liability of his influencing them.

We disagree most heartily with the Commissioner, and we accept his challenge of criticism.

To JOHN BULL it is inexplicable that the boy should be sent to prison, while his elderly companion should be bound over.

When it came to addressing the man offender, the Commissioner adopted a different method:

"You are very fortunate," he said, "in having very good friends who have written in support of your good character. I am told that from a public point of view there would be no advantage in sending you to prison. I have given regard to that in considering what your sentence should be. At the same time, I realise you have suffered, and must in future suffer."

It is important to remark at this stage that the boy also had good friends—a Roman Catholic priest and an official of the Newcastle educational authority who were keenly interested in reforming him. Moreover, an excellent boys' home was waiting to accept him.

And, apart from all those considerations, it was his first offence.

Obviously this sentence of four months' imprisonment on a boy of fifteen cannot be permitted to stand in view of all the circumstances.

It is intolerable indeed that the man should escape with the nominal penalty of being bound over as against the boy's imprisonment.

Representations have already been made to the Home Secretary through Mr Denville, M.P., to secure a remission of the sentence.

We support in every way those representations. The boy must be liberated. No jail can save him; yet surely he deserves a chance to make good. He must obviously be placed in a suitable institution where his particular complex will receive a sympathetic cure so that he may be moulded into a decent citizen.

YOU MUST HURRY!

As Christmas approaches applications for JOHN BULL's Christmas Gift grow ever greater. Those readers who have not yet made application are urged to do so immediately in order to avoid the inevitable last-minute rush. A Free 2s. 9d. Gift Voucher and a Gift Voucher worth 7s. 6d.—one or both—make your choice. Don't be too late! Turn to page 20 at once.

Constable's Martyrdom

CRIPPLED and disabled after nearly thirteen years' service with the Glamorgan County Constabulary, Richard Watkins, of Coegnant Road, Caerau Maesteg, in South Wales, faces a future that is black indeed.

He met with an accident to his foot within two years of his joining the force, and ever since has been in constant pain.

He was operated on, but the wound turned septic, and in later years he was operated on again and again. Following his last operation—the seventh—some four years ago, a specialist in Cardiff passed him fit for duty, and he carried on.

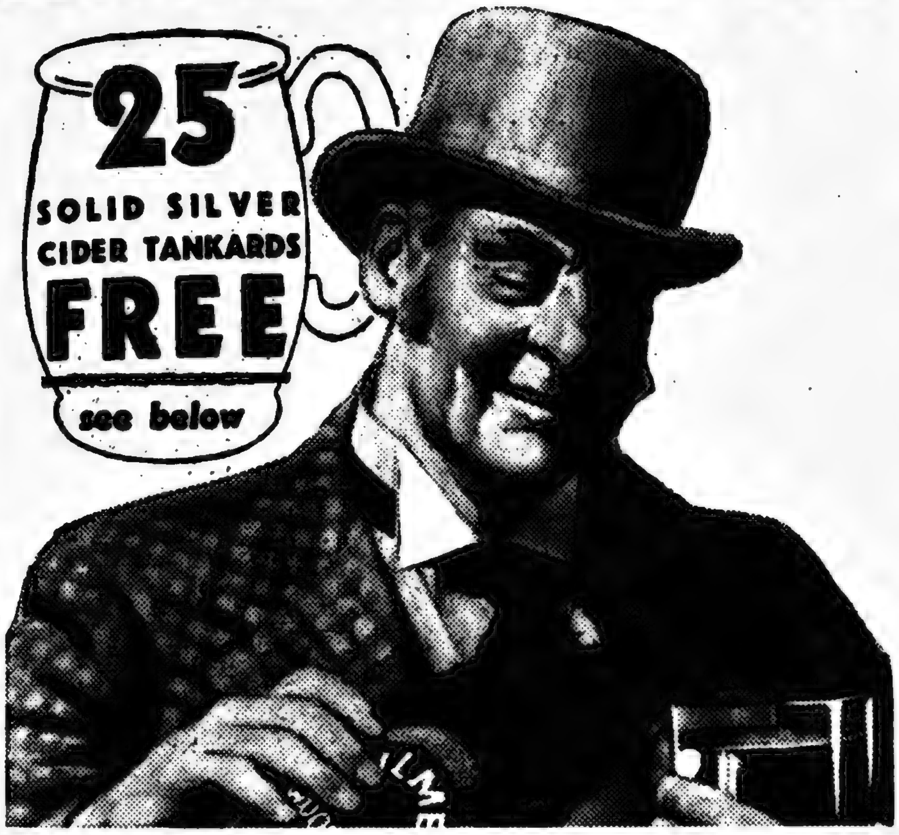
But early this year Watkins was invalided from the force, and his career was terminated.

He has been given an exemplary character, but his pension is less than twenty shillings a week.

He is ineligible for benefit under the national insurance scheme, and unfit for work. He is still in need of medical treatment, yet how can he pay for it and keep himself on the meagre allowance we mention?

It would be only fair if the Glamorganshire county authorities stretched a point in this very sad case and afforded Watkins any necessary medical treatment free of cost.

WIN A XMAS BOX FROM BULMERS of HEREFORD



Since country cider came to town, the sales of 'make-up' have gone down. For women find true beauty lies in——————and sparkling eyes, that do not come by puff and jar, but from a better means———. And that's good cider,——————for keeping youth whate'er your age. A glass a day will give life zest, and note, WOODPECKER is the BEST!

Complete this rhyme and win a tankard.

BULMER'S

WOODPECKER CIDER

10½D. PER FLAGON

(In England and Wales only, 1/- in Scotland).

25 SILVER CIDER TANKARDS FREE!

Write on a postcard what you consider are the best words to complete this advertisement. Send to H. P. Bulmer & Co., Ltd., Dept.C.10, Hereford, before December 11th. A solid silver Cider Tankard will be awarded to each of the 25 best entries in the opinion of Mr. Bulmer, whose decision is final. Results published in this paper on December 22, 1934.

royds 454

THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL —LASTING COMFORT

The *Berkeley* SUPERLAX makes the IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT!

Fully Patented No. 414464

The World's most Comfortable Easy Chair.

SOME gifts are soon forgotten. Some are treasured for a week, or a month, or more. But a Berkeley Superlax—the best gift for men and women of any age and taste—carries out your good wishes for happiness for many years to come. In your own home it is a grand investment. It is essentially modern in design but has the old-fashioned comfort so long associated with all Berkeley Upholstery. It is unapproached for value. In its cosy depths the Berkeley Superlax brings true contentment and enjoyment to the precious hours of leisure. For this is the Easy Chair that suits every mood. With its patented automatic action you can have exactly the position you want—upright, reclining or lounging—without adjustment, without getting out of the chair.

The Berkeley Superlax is designed to suit every figure, tall or short. The seat is not only perfectly sprung but is ALL-HAIR stuffed. The back is also sprung and deeply upholstered. Both back and seat are detachable from the main frame for easy cleaning. Fitted with concealed castors which raise the chair 1½ ins. from the floor. Coverings are the very latest and most fashionable designs in strong multi-coloured Repp in a variety of shades. Other Coverings are Damasks, Tapestries, Moquettes, etc. *Send Coupon for Catalogue giving full details of all Models and Patterns from which to choose your own Coverings.*

10/- WITH ORDER FREE DELIVERY

Genuine Berkeleys are only made in our own Factories and are not obtainable through any other furnishing house.

IN B QUALITY COVERING CASH PRICE 62/6

or 65/- :— 10/- with order and balance 10/- monthly.

THE *Berkeley* SUPERLAX

THE EASY CHAIR THAT ADJUSTS ITSELF

H. J. SEARLE & SON, LTD. (Dept. J.B.)
70-78, OLD KENT ROAD, LONDON, S.E.1

WEST END SHOWROOMS: 133, Victoria Street, S.W.1.
BRANCHES: 83-87, London Road, CROYDON; The Parade, WATFORD; 149, Becontree Av., Dagenham; 85, New Street, BIRMINGHAM; 71, Deansgate, MANCHESTER; 12, Poole Hill, BOURNEMOUTH.

Guarantee

Sold under our usual Guarantee of money-back, if not satisfied within 7 days. FREE Delivery in England, Wales and Scotland.

COUPON Please send me your Illustrated Catalogue of all Models of Berkeley Upholstery, together with complete range of Coverings.

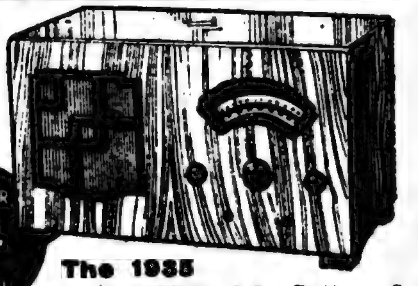
NAME ________________________

ADDRESS ________________________

John Bull ________________________

Peto-Scott 1935 Guaranteed RADIO From FACTORY to FIRESIDE

SAVES YOU MIDDLEMAN'S PROFITS. Our specialised experience in Radio begins from the pioneer days—way back in 1919—and this is your guarantee of satisfaction. Each customer has Peto-Scott's personal assurance of satisfaction and strict privacy.



YOURS FOR 5/- DOWN and 18 monthly payments of 6/-

1935 PETO-SCOTT BATTERY 3

A miracle of value in 1935 Radio guaranteed by Peto-Scott, combining Tone, Volume and Range equalling sets at more than double the price, marvellous all-round performance and absolute reliability. Peto-Scott 1935 type Moving Coil Speaker. Metal Chassis. New detector reaction circuit, quality and super-power output. New type Air-Cored Coils and slow-motion illuminated Full-Vision tuning. 2-Selectivity taps. Pick-up sockets. Automatic Grid Bias. Low H.T. consumption. Complete with British valves of guaranteed life and Oldham Long-life 120-volt H.T. and 2-volt L.T. batteries, full aerial equipment. Comes to you in a beautiful Walnut Consolette Cabinet, as illustrated. Price complete, ready to play, Cash or C.O.D., Carriage Paid £4.19.6.

The 1935 PETO-SCOTT S.G. Battery 3

GIVES A BIGGER CHOICE OF FOREIGN STATIONS with amazing perfection of tone and volume. Incorporates Peto-Scott 1935 Moving - Coil Speaker, SCREENED COILS, high efficiency S.G., Detector and super power output valves. Low H.T. consumption. Full-Vision scale. Modern Walnut Consolette as illustrated. British Valves of guaranteed life. Ready to play. Yours for 5/- down and 18 monthly payments of 7/3. Cash or C.O.D. Carriage Paid, £6.6.6.

Send for Lists of Peto-Scott 1935 Guaranteed radio—De luxe models for Battery and All Mains.

PETO-SCOTT Co., Ltd. (Est. 1919) 77, J.B.5, CITY RD., LONDON, E.C.1.
West-End Showrooms: 62, J.B.5, High Holborn, London, W.C.1

Lost Ugly Fat

Her Husband Says She Looks Five Years Younger!

There is a certain weight at which every woman looks her loveliest—not skinny underweight nor pendulous overweight, but *normal* weight. "My husband says I look five years younger," writes this lady of 29, who—thanks to her daily dose of Kruschen Salts—has unburdened her body of 18 pounds of ugly fat. Read her letter :—

"*Having heard from a friend of mine that she had lost considerable weight since taking Kruschen Salts, I started using them in July last, when I weighed 12 st. 9 lb. I have lost weight steadily since then, and am now 11 st. 5 lb.—my normal weight. Moreover I feel brighter and more energetic in every way. I have inquired of my dressmaker my measurements, which in August last were :—Bust 40, Hips 43½, Waist 33½ inches. Last week they were : Bust 38, Hips 40, Waist 31 inches, which is normal for my height, which is 5 ft. 8 in. My age is 29. My husband is a very severe critic. He says I look five years younger. There is no other reason for my loss of weight except Kruschen, as I do not take any particular diet.*"

(*Mrs.*) *S. R., London.*

Taken every morning Kruschen effects a perfectly natural clearance of undigested food substances and all excessive watery waste matter. Unless this wastage is regularly expelled Nature will eventually store it up out of the way in the form of ugly fat. Once Kruschen gets into the blood, just sit back and watch that double chin go; those ungainly arms grow thinner, and that too prominent abdomen disappear.

A bottle of Kruschen Salts that will last four weeks costs but 1/9—take a generous half teaspoonful in a glass of hot water every morning.

If I don't do something for this it will turn to

SEPTIC POISONING

Tiny spots can soon turn SEPTIC.
Don't give them a chance. Dab on some Germolene Ointment at once. Touch small cuts, scratches or pimples with this wonderful ointment: the finest and most rapid curative antiseptic known to medicine. Germolene penetrates, soothes, cleanses and heals whether the trouble be serious ulcers, eczema, bad legs, etc., or slight surface cuts and abrasions. Every trace of poison and Septic Bacteria is destroyed and removed. Neglect may mean endless pain and trouble. Don't let this happen. Have Germolene Brand in the house. Obtainable from all chemists: 1/3, 3/- and 12/- a tin and in tubes 4/6.

Don't Wait—You May Be Too Late!

'With this Ring...'

and it's still the plain gold band

"NO, nothing new to say about wedding rings," said the manager of a famous jeweller's when asked by JOHN BULL whether the Royal Wedding had influenced the taste or choice of the public.

"After all, the British race is more conservative about wedding rings than about anything else. A few women have asked for rings of Welsh gold because Princess Marina's is from a Welsh goldfield A few women have persuaded their husbands-to-be to wear wedding rings because the Duke of Kent is to wear one. And that's all there is to it. . . ."

And then this man, who has provided the golden seals of 50,000 weddings in thirty-two years, added: "I often wonder how much happiness and how much tragedy has centred round the rings I have sold, and which outweighs the other."

Perhaps there has been a bit of a change, he said, from the days when every woman wanted a plain gold ring as wide as possible without looking vulgar—the weight of it being the criterion. For to-day the brides-to-be who go blushingly into his shop fall into three schools of thought.

There are the women who still prefer the plain gold band, now slender and delicately fashioned compared with its cumbersome predecessor. ("I feel that those plain gold bands seal the most permanent kinds of marriage," he said. "We know, because wives come back to us sometimes to have a break made in their rings to show their weddings have been dissolved, and rarely do we have to break the plain gold variety.)

He puts the purchasers of plain platinum in the same school. There would be more of them, especially seeing that the price has fallen from £30 to £7 15s. an ounce, little more than the cost of gold—if the Assay Office recognised platinum as a precious metal like silver and gold and gave it a hallmark.

"Rarely do we have to make a break in a plain gold ring," says the jeweller . ."

Pledges in gold

Another school goes in for fancy wedding rings. The band is engraved, often with orange blossoms—once in his recollection with an etching of the bridegroom's head. Inscriptions pledging undying fidelity are usually printed inside the ring.

He recalled some of them. "For ever and ever" was the message in one. "Until death us do part" is often used. An original one, thought out by the bridegroom, was "Only the years can divide."

Rings of that kind, ordered in a surge of love and enthusiasm, are more often brought back to be broken as a sign of divorce than any other kind. Novelists might write wonderful theories round this simple fact.

To the mind of the jeweller it simply means that ecstatic weddings end the soonest—that burning love has a habit of burning out when deep-rooted affection survives He once had to change the man's name in one of this kind of ring.

A third school believes in jewelled wedding rings. They ask for a hoop of diamonds set in the gold. They always tell the jeweller that they are very modern people, and want something very modern as a sign of their voluntary bondage.

And the jeweller, knowing all the time that they are asking for the kind of ring which our grandfathers used to give with the wedding rings, if they could afford it, and which was known as the "eternity" ring, simply holds his peace.

More thoughts came into the head of this working jeweller who said there was nothing new to say about wedding rings. . . .

He sees some wonderful fights round the question of whether the man should wear a wedding ring or not. You'll never make Englishmen take to this outward and visible sign of the fact that they are married, is his opinion. Half the prospective wives want them to wear them. Only half of that half dare mention it outright. But the English bridegroom has views of his own on the matter.

Ninety-nine men out of a hundred, faced with the clear question, "Won't you let me buy you one as well, dear?" answer with a plain and downright "Not likely!" And of the 1 per cent. the majority choose signet rings or a flat kind of gold ring that is halfway between a wedding ring and a signet, usually preferring to fit them to some other finger than the wedding finger.

Sentimental?

"Only six months ago a bride-to-be walked out on her man after she had insisted on his wearing a wedding ring," recalled our jeweller. "They were back within a week—and he had his way. I personally would like men to wear them. It would be good for trade. But unlike the men of most other nations, nearly all Englishmen regard a man's wedding ring as a stamp of the fact that the wearer has a wife who doesn't trust him."

Then the jeweller remembered other facts showing, in his opinion, that despite the rush and bustle of to-day, we are really more sentimental at heart than the Victorians.

For one thing, girls whose mothers are dead bring along their mothers' wedding rings with the request that the gold shall be used in the making of their own. For all the talk of the wonderful family life of yesterday, that thought rarely occurred to the mind of the old-time maid.

Free and easy

Then couples who married when their means were small, and who have worked their way into a higher station in life, bring their cheap little rings back to have better ones made—always stipulating that the original gold shall be used.

Such requests are regular occurrences in the bigger shops, and show that we moderns are not so lacking in sentimentality as we are painted.

One other noticeable thing, said this jeweller, is that modern couples are less afraid to reveal their emotions when ordering their wedding rings. In the old days, a little nervous, they stood rigidly to attention at the ring counter. To-day they hold hands, are not afraid to link arms, are often known to kiss over the ring. It has been known for one of the parties to declare to the assistant, "You see, we love each other"—as if the question was in doubt.

This free and easy way has even shown itself after the wedding has been dissolved. At this jeweller's shop, which is not far from the Divorce Courts, they have often known the two victims of a crashed marriage to come in to have the wedding ring fractured—the man paying the cost of the alteration.

Our jeweller stopped and thought for a moment. His mind ranged about among those 50,000 wedding rings he had sold. Then he muttered . . . "No, there's nothing really new to say about wedding rings."

SIDE-SLIPS

NOTTINGHAM FOOTBALL POST :—"A smart run by the home right WINKER."

ABERDEEN PRESS AND JOURNAL :—"—— has come forward in the most handsome manner and taken HARES in the Stotfield and Lossiemouth Harbour."

THE KENT AND SUSSEX COURIER :—" . . . attired in picture gowns of Victorian style of moonlight blue chiffon velvet, and MARRIED early Victorian posies."

THE DERBYSHIRE TIMES :—"Some mothers prepare all baby's feeds for the day early in the morning, in a series of bottles, and then heat the FEET in the bottle."

HEALTH AND STRENGTH :—"Despite his shirt STATUE."

YORKSHIRE TELEGRAPH AND STAR :—"The flood waters are SUBSIDISING."

SWINTON AND PENDLEBURY JOURNAL :—"On the Bridgewater Canal at Patricroft two BARGES were engaged in an altercation."

Examples of unconscious humour from the current Press are welcomed. Actual cuttings must be sent. 2/6 is paid to the sender of each item published. Mark envelopes "Side-Slips."

BIRMINGHAM POST :—"Speculation was rife as to what might happen to the price of GOLF if France left the gold standard."

EVENING ARGUS :—"He just took some old beer for a COLT."

DORSET COUNTY CHRONICLE AND SOMERSETSHIRE GAZETTE :—"Good walkers were then agreed that stout BOOKS, well studded with nails . . ."

BELFAST TELEGRAPH :—"Over 200 miles of electric SABLE will be used."

BOURNEMOUTH DAILY ECHO :—"He has won many races here, and, in fact, is almost INVISIBLE on these small courses."

LINCOLNSHIRE FREE PRESS :—"The PADRE will then be again formed up for the return march."

FALKIRK HERALD :—"Ocean WAGES are a surface disturbance only."

DEAN FOREST MERCURY :—"They all admired this ornate two-PIER specimen of the confectioner's art."

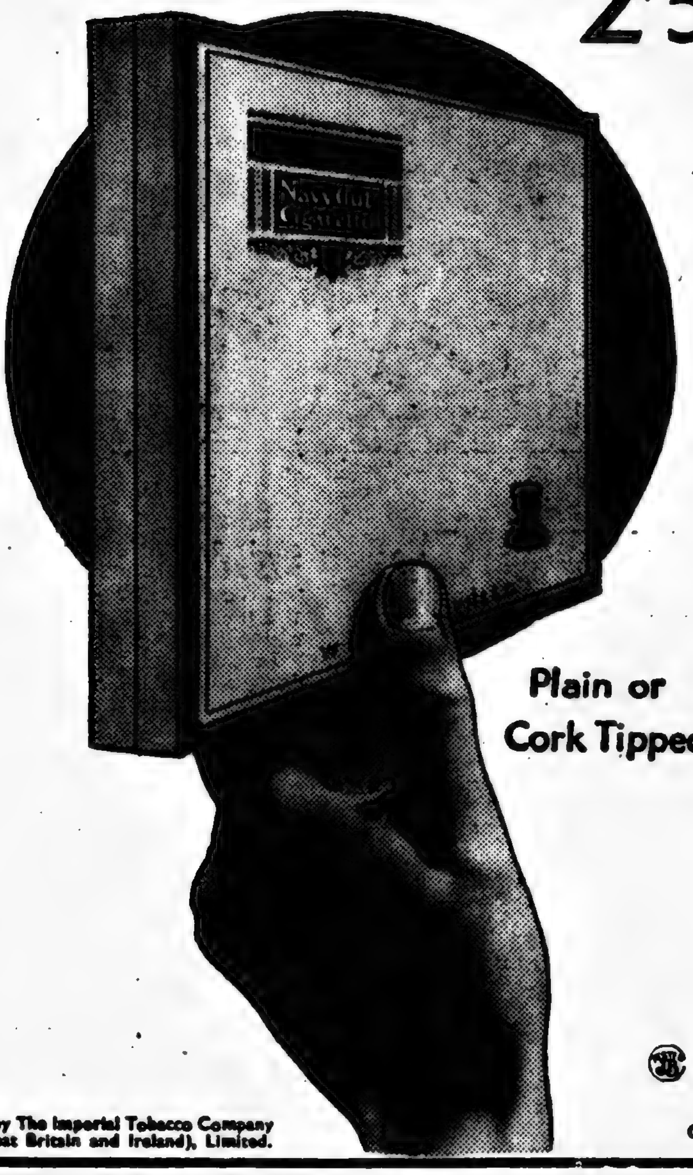
WILLS'S

CAPSTAN

CIGARETTES

Flat Fifty Cardboard Box

2/5



Plain or Cork Tipped

Issued by The Imperial Tobacco Company (of Great Britain and Ireland), Limited.

CC.440

Look into JOHN BULL'S Shop Window for Xmas Bargains.

See Pages 2, 3 and 4.

An old fashioned Christmas in a NEW FASHIONED home

Snowing and freezing hard outside—quite an old fashioned winter this—within, that charm and comfort which only a tastefully furnished home can give. The festive board in a Dining Room by Jay's—fun and frolic in a Lounge by Jay's—and at the end of a perfect day complete repose and relaxation in a Jay's Bedroom. Jay's world's Largest Credit Furnishers have concentrated on the furnishing of the modern house. Charmingly designed furniture affording luxury and comfort yet giving the maximum room on those occasions when hosts and guests make merry.

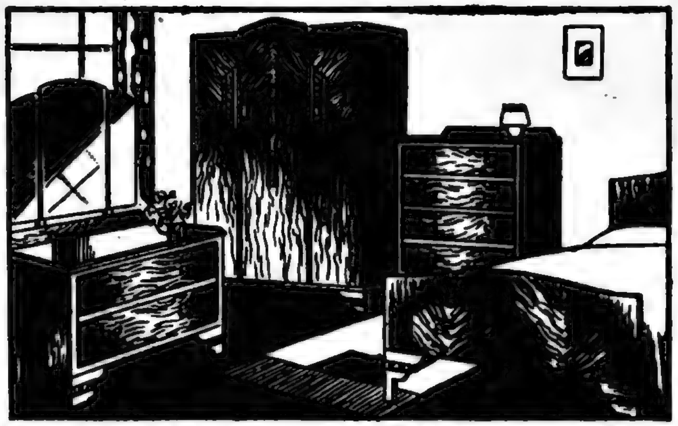
LOWEST PRICES —NO DELAYS 200 WEEKS to PAY at JAYS

Worth	Weekly
£ 20 -	2/-
£ 40 -	4/-
£ 50 -	5/-
£100 -	10/-

IT'S EASY to PAY THE JAY - WAY

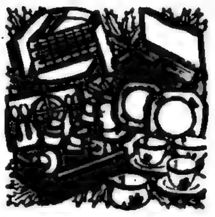
Every consideration shown in cases of Sickness or Unemployment.

YOUR OLD FURNITURE TAKEN IN PART EXCHANGE



Very handsome Bedroom Suite in beautifully figured walnut, comprising 4ft. Wardrobe fitted full length hanging; Triple Mirror Dressing Chest with deep drawers in underpart; capacious four drawer cabinet. High quality finish and construction throughout. Exceptional value at

14½ GNS. or 2/- Weekly



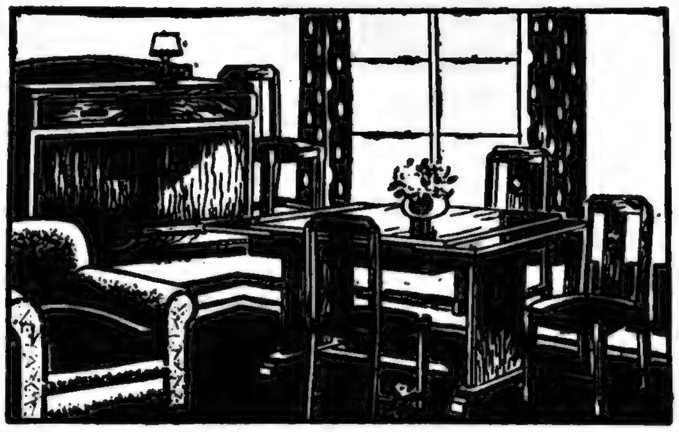
FREE GIFTS with all orders of £10 or over

For Example:

FREE WITH A £10 ORDER: a 12-piece canteen of Cutlery, or a Tea Service for six persons.

FREE WITH A £15 ORDER: Pair of good quality woollen blankets or a box carpet sweeper.

Hundreds of other Free Gifts are shown in Jay's Gift Book varying in proportion to amount of order.



A Dining Room Set in the latest style, featuring a 4 ft. Sideboard in beautifully figured Oak, fitted roomy cupboards and drawers (one baize lined) wood Chromium handles; Refectory Table extending to 5 ft. by 3 ft., and four chairs of superior design with hide seats.

12½ GNS. or 2/- Weekly

JAYS FURNISHING STORES

COUPON Please send your up-to-date Catalogue and Book of Free Gifts.

Name....................................

Address....................................

....................................*Dept. J.B.*

WORLD'S LARGEST CREDIT FURNISHERS.

248, 249, 250, TOTTENHAM COURT ROAD, W.1.
Oxford Street End Tel.: Museum 2483

OPEN UNTIL 8 P.M. SATURDAYS.

LONDON BRANCHES

Battersea 117 Lavender Hill, S.W.11
Bow - - 165 Bow Road, E.3
Clapham 59/63 High Street, S.W.4
Cricklewood 140 Broadway, N.W.2
Croydon 5 London Road
Elephant & Castle - 96/97 London Rd
Fulham 363 Fulham Road, S.W.10
Hammersmith 120 King Street, W.6
Hanwell 129 Uxbridge Road, W.7
Ilford - - 150/152 High Road
Islington 162 Holloway Road, N.7
Kentish Town Road, 345/347 N.W.5
King's Cross 212 Caledonian Rd. N.1
Paddington 262 Harrow Road, W.2
Paddington 219 Shirland Road, W.9
Palmers Green 25 Green Lanes, N.13
Shepherds Bush 134 Uxbridge Rd, W.12
Stratford 379/381 High Street, E.15
Stoke Newington 88/90 High St. N.16
Upton Park 361 Green Street, E.13
Watford - 35/37 The Parade, High St
Westminster Bridge Road, 225, S.E.1
Whitechapel Road, 223/225 E.1
Wimbledon 8 The Broadway, S.W.19
Kingston-on-Thames - - - 53, Clarence Street

COUNTRY BRANCHES

Birmingham 99/101 Bristol Street
Birmingham, Coventry Rd. Small Heath
Bournemouth 100 Commercial Road
Bradford - 64/68 Westgate
Brighton - - 127 Queen's Road
Bristol - 77/79 Redcliffe Street
Bristol - - 17 & 21 Stokes Croft
Burton-on-Trent 123/124 Station St
Caernarvon - - Castle Square
Canterbury 57/58 St. Georges Street
Cardiff - - 52/53 St. Mary Street
Chatham - 78/80 High Street
Chester 22 Bridge Street
Chesterfield 9/11 Corporation St
Colchester 4 St. Botolph's Street
Coventry - 4 Fleet Street
Derby - - 51 London Road
Doncaster - - 14 Frenchgate
Eastbourne - 81/85 Seaside Road
Exeter - - 104 Fore Street
Folkestone - 55/57 Tontine Street
Glasgow 19/25 Sauchiehall Street
Glasgow 140/152 West Nile St., C.2
Gloucester - 99 Northgate Street
Halifax - - 46/48 Northgate
Hastings - - 3 York Buildings
Huddersfield - 2 Queen Street
Hull - - 81 Prospect Street
Hull - - 85/87 Wright Street
Ipswich - 27 Westgate Street
Keighley - 29 Low Street
Leeds - - 6 Lower Briggate
Leeds - - 85 New Briggate
Leicester - - 6 Haymarket
Maidstone - 3 The Broadway
Manchester 28 & 30 Oldham Street
Newcastle 55/57 Northumberland St
Newport Mon. - - 78 High Street
Northampton - - 23 Gold Street
Norwich - 31 St. Stephens Street
Nottingham - 24/26 Derby Road
Plymouth 7/9 The Octagon, Union St
Portsmouth 219/223 Commercial Rd
Reading - - 47 Minster Street
Rochdale - - 8/10 Baillie Street
Rotherham 41/47 Effingham Square
Scarborough - 6 Aberdeen Walk
Sheffield - - 5 Bank Street
Sheffield 42/44 London Rd (The Moor)
Shrewsbury - - - 67 Mardol
Southampton 43/45 Bernard Street
Stoke-on-Trent - 44 High Street
Swindon - - 34 High Street
Swansea - 230 Oxford Street
Taunton - 59 East Street
Walsall - - - 37 Digbeth
Warrington - 51/53 Bridge Street
Wigan - - 10/12 Library Street
Woking - - 11 The Broadway
Wolverhampton - 51 Snow Hill
Worcester - - 53 Broad Street
Worthing - - 15/17 Rowlands Road
York - 1 Low Ousegate

RHEUMATISM

"Your Win-cap-cine DOES remove Rheumatism!"

This is an extract from a letter by Mrs. M. M., Watford. We are constantly receiving unsolicited testimonials from those who have found immediate relief from this simple treatment with Win-cap-cine medicated wool, which is specially quilted to prevent rumpling. In the most severe and long standing case, it brings relief quickly and easily. A bottle of special Win-cap-cine fluid FREE for use in extreme cases.

Obtainable from Chemists and all BOOTS Branches.

QUICK RELIEF FROM BRONCHITIS, LUMBAGO, NEURITIS, SCIATICA, etc.

Win-cap-cine

BRAND

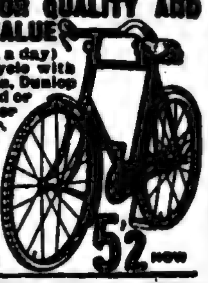
Send to-day for Trial Packet 1/3 Post Free, or write for FREE booklet "The Conquest of Pain." Distributors: A. de St. Dalmas Limited, (Dept. J.B.) Junior Street, LEICESTER.

1/3

GRAVES

BEATS THE WORLD FOR QUALITY AND VALUE

5/2 per month (less than 2½d. a day) buys the Graves "FLIGHT" Cycle with Dunlop Saddle, Coventry Chain, Dunlop Tyres, Chromium Plate, Raised or Dropped Handlebars. Lady's or Gent's with Accessories. Carr. Paid £3:17:6 or 5/2 monthly. No charge for Easy Terms. With Sturmey - Archer 3-Speed £4:17:6 or 6/6 monthly. Catalogue Free. Ladies', Gent's, Juveniles', and Tradesmen's Cycles, Tandems, Roadsters, Racers, Club Models.



5/2 now

J. G. GRAVES Ltd. SHEFFIELD

FOR EVERY GIRL AND EVERY BOY

ROBBY BEARS ANNUAL

2/6

DEANS

DOES A TOMATO EVER SEE RED ?

we don't know- but

WE DO KNOW THAT Sharp's the word AND Sharp's the Toffee WE LIKE BEST OF ALL

E SHARP & SONS LTD MAIDSTONE.

Every dog loves CREMMA dog CAKES and thrives on them

The best of food in Cremma—and your dog knows it. Watch him pick them from a mixed feed! Scientifically tested for food value.

FREE SAMPLE

Dept. JB4

John Wright (London) Ltd., 100 Bermondsey Wall, S.E.16

Heal those RED ROUGH CHAPPED HANDS and Chilblains

MAKE your hands and arms smooth and attractive by rubbing in a little herbal Zam-Buk every night before you retire. By replenishing the deficiency of natural oils, Zam-Buk quickly soothes and heals, allays inflammation and swelling and gives you a smooth, healthy skin.

1/3 or 3/- tin

ZAM-BUK OINTMENT

VALLEYS of Daily Terror

PICTURE the grim valleys of South Wales and the grey villages scattered along the banks of the rivers flowing to the Bristol Channel from the Brecon Beacons.

There is peril in the torrents that gush from the mountains frowning down on every hand. There is a fresh danger that awaits every cottager and every miner in this land of coal and grime.

In recent years whole towns have subsided, and rivers have changed their courses: dwellings have sunk below the level of the waters that pour through the towering fastnesses from Merthyr Tydvil to Porth.

The flooding of the rivers has cost South Wales hundreds of thousands of pounds in the years since the war. Hundreds of cottagers have lost all they possessed.

Tragedies of the mines

In the town of Porth itself there is a bank whose premises were so frequently engulfed that the foundations were necessarily raised several feet. And not far away there is a chapel the foundations of which have sunk twenty feet below the river bed into the disused workings of an old mine.

It is only a few months since ninety dwellings in the town of Porth were flooded out. A colliery manager sustained a loss of several hundred pounds; a widow whose husband was killed in the mine stood by and watched her belongings swamped.

Mines have been compelled to close, and miners have lost wages. In the village of Trehafod there are houses long since condemned, but in which families are yet living. In Pontypridd there is a ratepayer whose dwellings have been vacant for years for the same reason. He pays rates on property he can scarcely hope to let until something is done.

But as matters stand to-day there is little hope that any substantial effort will be made to prevent the disasters which are certainly in store. There is no money in the valleys. There is hardly enough cash to provide for the numberless families in receipt of public assistance.

In Pontypridd the local council has had a concrete wall constructed for a mile and a half along the riverside: the wall is eight feet high, but only two feet thick. It is the considered opinion of experts in the neighbourhood that it will collapse should the river rise.

And the river will—inevitably—rise. A few days of rain, an unduly heavy storm, a cloud bursting over the crests of the mountains that loom stark above these industrial valleys, and the brooklets grow into furious rapids within an hour or two.

There is the River Taff, rising in two headstreams in the Brecknock Beacons, gathering the torrents that pour down the mountain slopes; it flows through Merthyr Tydvil and Quaker's Yard, and joins the Rhondda before it enters Cardiff.

In the city of Cardiff, the Taff has overflowed and flooded premises in St. Mary's Street, so that the fire brigade has been turned out to pump the water from hotels and shops.

Havoc

Early in the present year more than five hundred families in the Swansea Valley were compelled to vacate their homes. When the River Tawe overflows there is havoc in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Going east, there is the Sirhowy Valley, with the river by that name pouring down from the piled-up masses of Mynydd Llangyder, over the borders of Monmouthshire. The river flows through the deep mountain passes below Tredegar past Argoed and Ynysddu.

At Pontllanfraith there is a mine which was sunk to a depth of half a mile more than twenty years ago: but no sooner had the sinkers reached coal than the river burst into the new shaft. The pit was sunk at a cost of one hundred thousand pounds, yet not a single ton of coal has been raised. It is derelict to this day.

And over the mountains from which a hundred tiny riverlets flow east and west, there is the Rhymney River that flows through the valley, reaching from Tredegar to Caerphilly by way of Bargoed.

Here again, there are miners and their families who have on several occasions in the past year or two suffered the result of heavy rain and floods.

In the valleys of South Wales at the present time floods are unavoidable. The river at Llynppia has overflowed many times. Dredging is always in progress. There are streets of cottages in Treherbert and Ton Pentre on the brink of the stream.

"When the River Tawe overflows there is havoc in the Vale of Glamorgan"—the flooded village of Llansamlet

We have already remarked that much of the damage caused has been because of the subsidence of old mine workings. In South Wales there is no cure for such happenings. There is no cure for the floods. Mountains have been known to split from top to bottom when a subsidence takes place. The River Rhondda, when it rises, is to be compared with the rapids of the Canadian North-West.

The waters that pour down from the granite masses of Bedwelty and Cefn Glass must surely find their way into the valleys.

But there is much to be done. There are remedies for the perils and dangers we mention. There are many things which must be attended to.

In the first place, the families who dwell in the danger zones must be rehoused on the mountain slopes and in the model villages coming into being on higher ground.

This must be done

There are thousands of cottages in the depths of the valleys of South Wales that can only be called "slums." Many of them are slums of the worst possible description . . . houses backed against the mountainside, the bedrooms of which have neither light, nor windows, nor ventilation.

It has been prophesied that the valleys of South Wales are to return to their former prosperity. Then the first thing to be accomplished is the abolition of the conditions we know to exist. Money must be provided for the purpose. The mining towns and villages must be made fit places in which men and their families may live without danger.

And yet another matter which must receive attention is the building of substantial concrete walls on either side of the rivers that pour through the valleys. These rivers are used by the colliery companies for washing coal, for power and for many purposes. But they can be made safe, and the perils we mention can be averted.

Race with "Silver Ring"

Victory Prizes

ONE of the drawbacks of the National Hunt season is the scarcity of big races.

Apart from the Grand National, there is no event which can boast ante-post betting.

There are, however, two events which claim a little importance—the Victory 'Chase and the Victory Hurdle, at Manchester, but they have depreciated in value.

A correspondent in Brooklyn, New York City, asked me as early as the first week in October to let my American "fans" have a tip for each of these races. I aim to please, but the entries came to hand only last week, and the weights will appear when this issue of JOHN BULL is published.

Le Fortium and Lestebridge, first and second in the 'Chase twelve months ago, can renew their battle.

Looking through the other twenty-one entries, I take Brienz as the best of the batch.

Adriatic, Bull Point and Gay Light look the pick in the hurdles prize. For my far-away friend in Brooklyn I suggest Brienz and Bull Point for the double.

Sandown Park presents 'chasing at its best, and two excellent programmes will be staged there this week-end.

Drintyre will probably win the Sandown Handicap; and I like Castle Irwell and Sir Troops for the Saturday double.

"SILVER RING'S" CODE

The Code for this week is as follows. It covers the racing from Thursday, December 6, to Wednesday, December 12.

A	Q	C	93	B	94	M	P	U	X	Z	R	98	T	F	O
K	H	J	I	95	E	D	V	Y	97	L	W	N	96	G	S

In place of the letters or figures advertised in the *Sporting Life* and *Daily Herald*, read those above or below.

95Y98JQ would read BUNCH.

Where a double letter occurs in the name of a horse the figure 2 is substituted. KJ2WK would read ACCRA.

From sitting-room ...
... to bedroom

heat goes where you go!

Damp, chilly rooms are the dread of every good housewife. The Valor heater makes it easy and inexpensive to keep every corner of the house cosily warm and dry. Easily carried from room to room, and burns for hours without any attention. No smoke, no smell, no fumes. British-made throughout. Saves all the trouble and expense of extra coal fires. The most popular home heater in the world. Buy yours to-day from your ironmonger or stores—but be sure to look for the Valor shield, your guarantee of quality.

PRICES FROM 13/6 No. 525R. Large black model, as illustrated - 21/-

Ask your dealer for illustrated price list of all models.

VALOR
OIL HEATERS

Manufactured by the Valor Co. Ltd. (Registered Proprietors) Birmingham

Wholesale Distributors:—ANGLO-AMERICAN OIL CO. LTD. *Branches everywhere.*

FOR BEST RESULTS ALWAYS USE Pure White ROYAL DAYLIGHT OIL and VALOR WICKS

291

AFRIKANDER

8D BUYS AN OUNCE—
CAN YOU BEAT IT!

You couldn't imagine a better tobacco than Afrikander. You certainly couldn't buy one.

Afrikander

IT SAVES
AND
SATISFIES

8D AN
OUNCE
MIXTURE
FLAKE
OR SHAG

Mixture, Flake and Shag are available in ½-oz. packets, 4d.

Issued by
Cohen, Weenen & Co. Ltd.

A WOMAN'S NEED

AT ALL TIMES OF LIFE.

A woman's greatest need at all times is to have plenty of good, rich blood in her veins, for her health is peculiarly dependent upon the state of her blood. How many women there are who suffer from headache, back pains, poor appetite, weak digestion, constant weariness, palpitation and nervousness.

These are all signs of impoverished blood, or anaemia; but no woman need suffer in this way. By taking Dr. Williams Pink Pills you can quickly enrich and increase your blood, and so banish anaemia.

Begin a course of these pills now; you will be pleased at the increased vitality and new zest for life they will give you. All chemists sell

DR. WILLIAMS brand
PINK PILLS
1s. 3d. a box
(Triple size 3s. 0d.)

HOPES SHE IS ATTRACTIVE
CAN'T STAND HER POOR SKIN

Why men love

I asked 100 men, many of them millionaires, what they loved most in woman. 9 out of 10 said they prefer to all else a clear, white, soft skin. Thanks to a new discovery it is now possible for any woman to have the beauty that attracts men, at very little cost or trouble. The new Crème Tokalon is guaranteed to rejuvenate, nourish and clear your skin, or your money will be refunded. Use it for 3 days and nights and you will be amazed at the results. It never fails in any case.

GRAVES Beats the World For Quality & Value

Send for this powerful Portable Gramophone with 12 Half-Crown Records (24 brilliant Selections) and all Accessories complete & carriage paid £[illegible] or 4/- monthly. Fullest Approval; no charge for Easy Terms. New type worm drive motor, natural tone sound box, plated fittings, waterproof cloth-covered case. CATALOGUE of Portable, and other Models, Free. J. G. GRAVES Ltd. SHEFFIELD

4/- NOW

IF YOUR
BREATH HAS
A SMELL YOU
CAN'T FEEL WELL

When we eat too much, our food decays in our bowels. Our friends smell this decay coming out of our mouth and call it bad breath. We feel the poison of this decay all over our body. It makes us gloomy and grouchy. It makes us feel no good for anything.

What makes the food decay in the bowels? Well, when we eat too much, our bile juice can't digest it. What is the bile juice? It is the most vital digestive juice in our body. Unless two pints of it are flowing from our liver into our bowels every day, our movements get hard and constipated, and three-quarters of our food decays in our 28 feet of bowels. This decay sends poison all over our body every six minutes.

When our friends smell our bad breath (but we don't) and we feel like a whipped tomcat, don't use a mouthwash or take a laxative. Get at the cause. Take Carters Little Liver Pills which gently start the flow of your bile juice. But if "something better" is offered you, don't buy it, for it may be a calomel (mercury) pill, which loosens teeth, gripes and scalds the rectum in many people. Ask for Carters Little Liver Pills by name and get what you ask for — 1/3 and 3/-.

STOMACH TROUBLE

Mr. ALWOOD, 13, Elliot Rd., Prince Rock, Plymouth, writes: "I had two operations on the Stomach for **Ulcers.** After leaving Hospital the **Ulcers** returned, and for six years I have not known what it was to enjoy a meal and every two to four hours I was in terrible pain. I determined to give Vitadatio a trial and from the very first day I am eating and thoroughly enjoy three good meals a day, and have not had the slightest pain or discomfort."

Vitadatio

SEND FOR FREE BOOK of TESTIMONIALS

The world-renowned Herbal Tonic and Blood-purifier—has a remarkable record of successes in cases of **Blood Trouble, Liver, Kidney and Stomach Complaints.** If you are a sufferer—**do not despair, Vitadatio has saved thousands of lives—it may save yours.**

There is no substitute for Vitadatio.

Sold by Boots, Taylors', Timothy Whites, Chemists and Stores, 3/- and 5/- per bottle (per post 6d. extra in U.K.). Bottles for export 21/- post free from—**VITADATIO, No. 121, ARMLEY, LEEDS.**

★ FREE!

Join a National Savings Club.

Here's something of vital interest to every reader. Fill in the Coupon in the announcement on p. 27. It will bring free particulars of a most unique opportunity to join a Share-out Club backed by the National Savings Association. Send the coupon NOW!

GASTRIC SUFFERER GAVE UP HOPE

Then found a "Godsend"

Here is the case of a man who suffered from Gastritis since the War. As Mr. Drew, of Brooke Street, Leamington Spa, says, he was completely fed-up with spending money on useless drugs and had given up all hope of relief. Then on the advice of a chemist he bought a bottle of Maclean Brand Stomach Powder, that wonderful remedy which has brought comfort to thousands of stomach sufferers. After two or three doses he felt a better man. He calls Maclean Brand Stomach Powder a "godsend" Here is his letter:—

"I had been a sufferer from Gastric trouble since the War. I tried everything. I was fed up with getting no relief. I spent money on drugs and different medicines and had given up all hope of ever getting relief till I took a good course of Maclean Brand Stomach Powder. Even after two or three doses I felt the benefit. Now, thank goodness, I feel a better man and only because I have taken your powder when everything else had failed. If only I had known before! Maclean Brand Stomach Powder is a godsend to all sufferers." If you suffer from Stomach Trouble of any sort you can get the same relief as Mr. Drew, but ask your chemist for the genuine Maclean Brand Stomach Powder with the signature "ALEX C. MACLEAN." It is not sold loose but only in 1/3, 2/- and 5/- bottles, in cartons, of Powder or Tablets.

MOTHERS! HERE'S GOOD NEWS.

More Than Cod Liver Oil's Vitamins in Tasteless Tablets.

You've always known Cod Liver Oil was the best thing for your children. But how hard it was for them to take! Doctors have found your solution—little sugar-coated tablets called Clotabs, as easy to take as sweets, and full of the natural vitamins of Halibut Liver Oil which scientists now know is even better than any other Liver Oil.

Clotabs are simply wonderful for children who are weak or delicate or puny, and they're absolutely guaranteed to put on at least 3 lb. of firm, healthy flesh in a month or you get your money back.

One little girl of 13 who had had a very serious illness was under four stone when she came out of hospital. Even with the old tablets she gained 3 lb. the first week and 2 lb. each week after. She was back in school in seven weeks. Another little girl of 8, weak, thin, and poor appetite, gained 6 lb. and "gets healthier every day."

Just ask your chemist for a bottle of Clotabs, only 1/3 and 3/– the bottle. Remember, if they don't put on 3 lb. in a month—money back! In case of difficulty send direct to Macleans, Ltd., Gt. West Road, Brentford, Mdx.

OVER THE STICKS

NO LIMIT—WIN OR PLACE

The Same Generous Terms
as for the flat are given by

No Limit Win or Place — THE BIG TWO — No Limit Win or Place

WINNINGS BY RETURN

One shilling up to any amount can be invested by letter
in accordance with rules.

Daily Commissions bearing a time stamp not later than set time of any race will be on at
FULL STARTING PRICE
or Tote Odds if desired.

Registered Letters must be posted overnight.

"CHALLENGER"
FIXED-PRICE FOOTBALL LISTS
Five Lists, to choose from.
SIX LEAGUES
Nothing Barred — Nothing Starred.
£1000
for 12 Results—No scores required

DAVID COPE
& ALFRED H. MAURICE LTD.
227 BATH STREET GLASGOW C.2

Please send Racing Rules and particulars of £1,000 FREE.

Name ....
(I am over 21 years of age.)

Address ....
J.B.

Town..............................County..............................

My Strangest Experience

INTERVIEWING a lady living an isolated recluse-like existence, I found a witch-like woman. I was shown into a library stacked with volumes on crime and criminals.

A large mirror reflected through the ajar door a passage, along which stealthily crept my eerie hostess. The key turned—I was locked in.

Half an hour's silence, then she noiselessly entered the door. My back was turned; she clutched a wicked Colonial knife in her decrepit hand.

I should have shouted had she not spoken. It was merely to show me one of her treasures, explaining that she had fastened the door fearing marauders. — *R. A., West Country.*

Reunion

It was in 1916 that, after answering the roll-call, about a hundred of us dropped into the roadway to enjoy a well-earned smoke.

A party of Australians sauntered up, and one of them kicked my boot. "Give me a light, cobber," he requested. The light secured, he regarded me intently, then he rubbed his chin thoughtfully.

"It's not Bob?" he asked.

I could only nod my head; it was a full minute before I could talk to him. It was my brother, who had sailed to Australia over six years earlier.—*R. L., Lancs.*

More Than a Ghost

One night I visited an old attic to look for some old costumes. Although I searched everywhere, I could not discover them, and finally I decided to look in a cupboard in the corner.

Fantastic ideas came to my mind as I approached the cupboard, and I imagined that a ghost might be there. I opened the door and, to my horror, a skeleton fell out on to me!

I fled as fast as I could and almost fainted. It turned out that a student had used the attic for the study of anatomy and had left the skeleton there. —*S. G. F., Beds.*

Not Joking

One evening, just before last Christmas, I was fireman on a passenger train in the North. The signals were against us approaching a junction, so my driver brought the train to a standstill, and I proceeded on foot with my hand-lamp to carry out a rule at the signal-box in front.

I went up the steps, and the signalman was apparently resting in his chair; he had his glasses on, and a newspaper on his knees.

I spoke, but he made no reply, and thinking him to be joking, I shook him. I shall never forget the strange experience when I realised he was dead.—*H. B. E., Lancs.*

Held the Baby

Whilst waiting my turn at the dentist I, a young man of twenty, sat talking to a woman with a baby. Suddenly the woman asked me to hold the baby whilst she received treatment. She was gone in a flash and I had no time to refuse.

The baby commenced to cry, and, under the critical gaze of twenty pairs of eyes, I did all in my power to comfort it. Helpful hints such as: "Rock it to and fro." "Cuddle the little dear," and "He's hungry, poor thing," added to my distress.

I had never held a baby in my arms before, and I was mighty glad when the mother reappeared and took custody of the child.—*M. Y., Bromley.*

Delusion

Early one Christmas morning, soon after becoming a policeman, I was on duty outside a cemetery. There was a misty moon, and all was quiet. I was standing against the wall when I felt something drawn across the back of my neck. Twice this was repeated, followed by faint footsteps. I had visions of traditional ghosts; I stood petrified. Suddenly courage returned and, turning swiftly, found patrolling the wall a cat, which had apparently drawn its tail across my neck in passing.

I subsequently discovered the footsteps belonged to a reveller staggering towards me.—*W. B., Eastbourne.*

OUR LETTER PARLIAMENT

ORIGINAL letters upon the subject below, not exceeding 100 words, are invited. 10s. will be paid for each letter published, 2s. 6d. for "Shorts." Envelopes marked "Letter Parliament" must reach 93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2, by first post Tuesday, December 11.

My Happy Christmas Reunion

Lives Saved

Our stall in the mine was a dead end, with only one way out, and the temperature of eighty degrees accounted for the fact that the place was alive with cockroaches.

One day, while eating our meal, the air became thick with cockroaches, crawling, flying, buzzing everywhere.

Dropping our food, we fled. Returning later we found the stall had caved in. Our lives had undoubtedly been saved through the migration of cockroaches.—*E. C. C., Montymoel.*

Unwanted Company

My strangest experience occurred when I was a lad of fourteen. I was passing an orchard, and found the temptation to help myself to apples too great to resist.

I was over the wall in quick time, and just as quickly the farmer made his appearance. I hid in a pigsty near at hand, but, unfortunately for me, the farmer drove two pigs into the sty, padlocked the door, and unknowingly—so he said—locked me in.

I remained with my evil-smelling companions from seven p.m. till five o'clock next morning.—*J. W. V. H., Leeds.*

Stopped in Time

Having missed my last bus home, fifteen miles away, I decided to take a short cut over a mountain sheep track.

Near the top I became suddenly enveloped in thick fog, with the result that I wandered off the track. Where I was I knew not, and knowing that several dangerous quarries abutted the track, I decided to sit down and while away the hours till dawn by singing "Lead, Kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom."

Dawn found me sitting within six feet of the edge of a precipitous quarry.—*D. C., Glam.*

Greatest Blessing

My mate and I were sent to carry out small repairs to a lighthouse. The job was to take two days.

But a storm blew up, and it was twenty-three days before a boat could venture out to take us off. We exhausted the keeper's library, while we longed for a meal that included fish.

The experience showed us that radio was the greatest blessing ever bestowed on man. And if anyone has books to spare, remember our lighthouse keepers.—*D. M., Knightswood.*

Simple Explanation

Seated in a tramcar in the North, I glanced at the face of the man who had just boarded, and started up with a cry.

For it had been in Flanders that I had last seen that face, and then half of it had been missing, torn away by the grenade which had killed its owner—my best friend.

The explanation was simple—this was his twin brother. But that experience, a sudden look at a face from the dead, was easily my strangest.—*T. R., Hove.*

Mixed

A namesake of mine and myself were due at a hospital ship for treatment on the same day—he as a mental case and I dental.

I arrived at the ship first. Our history sheets had evidently got mixed, and in the absence of the doctor, I was escorted to a padded cell and locked in. My protests were of no avail.

Fortunately my namesake made such a row in the dentist's chair that the mistake was discovered and I was released. —*S. A., Southampton.*

* * *

There was a rushing of wind, a deafening roar, and the whole earth changed position. For a fleeting moment I saw the sky beneath me; then the earth fell back with a rush into its correct position. My first "loop" in an aeroplane was over. —*A. B., Bromwich.*

Waking up early, I was horrified to find a man sleeping in my bed. I was about to scream, when I realised I had been married the previous day.—*T. C., Ayr.*

FOOTBALL SELECTIONS

By our Expert—for Matches Played on December 8

FIRST DIVISION.

*(1) GRIMSBY v. Middlesbrough.
(2) Huddersfield v. Arsenal.
(3) LEICESTER v. Wednesday.
(4) Preston v. MANCHESTER C.
*(5) SUNDERLAND v. Birmingham.
(6) Hotspur v. Stoke.
(7) WOLVERHAMPTON v. Portsmouth.
**(8) ASTON VILLA v. Leeds.
(9) CHELSEA v. Liverpool.
(10) Derby v. W.B. Albion.
**(11) EVERTON v. Blackburn.

SECOND DIVISION.

(1) Notts County v. Blackpool.
(2) Oldham v. NORWICH.
(3) Port Vale v. Brentford.
**(4) SHEFFIELD U. v. Hull.
(5) SOUTHAMPTON v. West Ham.
(6) SWANSEA v. Bradford.
(7) Barnsley v FOREST.
(8) Bolton v. Newcastle.
(9) BRADFORD C. v. Bury.
(10) Burnley v. Plymouth.
**(11) MANCHESTER U. v. Fulham.

SOUTHERN SECTION.

*(1) CHARLTON v. Newport.
(2) CARDIFF v. Gillingham.

NORTHERN SECTION.

(1) ACCRINGTON v. Chesterfield.
(2) Crewe v. HALIFAX.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

(1) HEARTS v. Rangers.
(2) Kilmarnock v. ST. JOHNSTONE.
*(3) PARTICK v. Ayr.
(4) QUEEN'S PARK v. Albion.
(5) Queen of South v. Aberdeen.
(6) ST. MIRREN v. Hibernian.
**(7) AIRDRIE v. Falkirk.
(8) CELTIC v. Motherwell.
(9) Dunfermline v. DUNDEE.
*(10) HAMILTON v. Clyde.

ENGLISH CUP.—Round. II.

**(1) BARROW v. Aldershot.
(2) Watford v. Walsall.
(3) Yeovil v. EXETER.
(4) Wimbledon v. SOUTHEND.
(5) Q.P. Rangers v. BRIGHTON.
(6) Hartlepools v. COVENTRY.
(7) Wigan v. Torquay.
(8) ROTHERHAM v. Bristol C.
(9) YORK v. Southport or New Brighton.
(10) Dartford v. BRISTOL R.
(11) ORIENT v. Chester.
*(12) STOCKPORT v. Darlington.
(13) SWINDON v. Lincoln.
*(14) NORTHAMPTON v. Workington.
(15) Mansfield v. TRANMERE.
(16) BATH v. Boston.
(17) READING v. Wrexham.

SPECIAL STAR CODE

As injuries to players and consequent alterations in teams may affect the chances of different clubs we shall publish last-minute JOHN BULL selections in code in the *Daily Herald* and *Sporting Life* each Friday morning.

Example Code.—Div. I.—8 (*H*); Div. II.—4 (*H*); Scottish League—7 (*H*); English Cup—10 (*A*) would indicate Aston Villa, Sheffield United, Airdrie and Bristol Rovers.

OPEN LETTER TO PARENTS

Dear Sir or Madam,

When your children first arrived they brought with them a wonderful lot of sunshine. Later you became proud of the intelligence they displayed, but still later, you became anxious as to what would become of them in the future. Perhaps you were anxious when you visualised them as grown men and women.

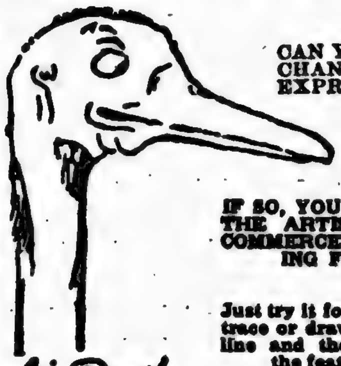
Even with plenty of money it is not always easy to select the right career, and a parent is sometimes inclined to ask advice of some relative and in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred that relative knows nothing at all about the possibilities of employment. Why not let me relieve you of some of your anxieties? In fact, why not let me be their Father?

We do not profess to act as an employment agency, but the nature of our business compels us to keep an eye upon the class of men and women that are wanted and who wants them. There are some people who manufacture an article and put it on the market to sell. We do not do that, we work in exactly the opposite direction. We find out what employers want and we train our students to fill those jobs. We have to be experts in the matter of employment, progress and prosperity.

If you have any anxieties at all as to what your sons or daughters should be, write to me, or better still, let them write to me personally—Fatherly Advice Department—and tell me their likes and dislikes, and I will give sound practical advice as to the possibilities of a vocation and how to succeed in it. Yours sincerely,

J. H. Bennett

Note address carefully: F.A. DEPT. 31, THE BENNETT COLLEGE LTD., SHEFFIELD.



CAN YOU CHANGE MY EXPRESSION?

IF SO, YOU MAY BE THE ARTIST THAT COMMERCE IS WAITING FOR.

Just try it for yourself, trace or draw the outline and then put in the features.

Jim Duck

There are hundreds of openings in connection with Humorous Papers, Advertisement Drawing, Posters, Calendars, Catalogues, Textile Designs, Book Illustrations, etc.

60% of Commercial Art Work is done by "Free Lance Artists" who do their work at home and sell it to the highest bidders. Many Commercial Artists draw "retaining fees" from various sources, others prefer to work full-time employment or partnership arrangement. We teach you not only how to draw what is wanted, but how to make buyers want what you draw. Many of our students who originally took up Commercial Art as a hobby have since turned it into a full-time paying profession with studio and staff of assistant artists; there is no limit to the possibilities. Let us send full particulars for a FREE TRIAL and details of our course for your inspection. You will be under no obligation whatever.

Jim Duck Art Dept. 31.

LET ME BE YOUR FATHER

J. H. Bennett

Unless you are in touch with all branches of industry you cannot see the possibilities of employment, but with our gigantic organisation we are in touch with every sphere of activity and we know that in many trades and professions there are more vacancies than there are trained men to fill them.

We do not profess to act as an employment agency, but we certainly are in a position to give fatherly advice on all careers and the possibility of employment therein.

Also ask for our NEW BOOK (FREE OF CHARGE) THE HUMAN MACHINE—Secrets of Success.

We teach by post in all parts of the world and specialise in all examinations.

- Accountancy Examinations
- Advertising and Sales Management
- A.M.I. Fire E. Examination
- Applied Mechanics
- Army Certificates
- Auctioneers and Estate Agents
- Aviation Engineering
- Banking
- Boilers
- Book-keeping, Accountancy and Modern Business Methods
- B.Sc. (Eng.)
- B.Sc. (Estate Management)
- Building, Architecture and Clerk of Works
- Civil Engineering
- Civil Service
- All Commercial Subjects
- Commercial Art
- Concrete and Structural Engineering
- Draughtsmanship. All branches
- Engineering. All branches, subjects and examinations
- General Education
- G.P.O. Eng. Dept.
- Heating and Ventilating
- Industrial Chemistry
- Insurance
- Mathematics
- Matriculation
- Metallurgy
- Mining, all subjects
- Mining, Electrical Engineering
- Motor Engineering
- Motor Trade
- Municipal & County Engineers
- Naval Architecture
- Pattern Making
- Police. Special Course
- Preceptors, College of
- Pumps & Pumping Machinery
- Radio Service Engineering
- Road-making and Maintenance
- Salesmanship
- Sanitation
- Secretarial Exams.
- Shipbuilding
- Shorthand (Pitman's)
- Structural Engineering
- Surveying
- Teachers of Handicrafts
- Telephony and Telegraphy
- Transport Inst. Exams.
- Weights & Measures Inspector
- Welding
- Wireless Telegraphy & Telephony
- Works Managers

IF YOU DO NOT SEE YOUR OWN REQUIREMENTS ABOVE, WRITE TO US ON ANY SUBJECT. IT COSTS NOTHING TO ENQUIRE.

STUDY AT HOME U IN YOUR SPARE TIME

CAN HAVE A COLLEGE TRAINING IN ALMOST ANY CAREER FOR A FEW SHILLINGS MONTHLY

MATRICULATION

There are many ways of commencing a career, but Matriculation is the jumping-off board for all the best ones.

CIVIL SERVICE

Suitable to both sexes. Ages 15½ to 24.

G.P.O. ENG. DEPT., CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, INSP. OF TAXES, ETC. NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED. OPEN EXAMS.

We prepare candidates for all

INSTITUTE EXAMS

TECHNICAL, INSURANCE, COMMERCIAL, GENERAL, POLICE, Etc., Etc.

ENGINEERS ALL BRANCHES.

There are examinations which are open and suitable to you, others which are not. Get our advice before deciding.

The Commercial Side of

THE MOTOR TRADE

offers exceptional opportunities for young men of good education.

IT IS THE PERSONAL TOUCH WHICH COUNTS IN POSTAL TUITION

Note Address carefully: **DEPT. 31, THE BENNETT COLLEGE LTD., SHEFFIELD.**

CHEST COLD REMOVED OVERNIGHT!

Read the plain, straightforward Musterole guarantee:

Ease in five minutes, and usually complete relief in five hours.

Simply rub on this clean, stainless ointment. You'll feel its glowing, healing warmth doing you good at once. It's this "deep healing" which is the secret. Better than a mustard plaster—it will not burn or blister. Don't suffer a day longer. Get a jar from your chemist to-day. Costs 2/6d. but is very economical as, owing to its great penetrating power, you use very little at a time. Once you have tried it, you will never be without it. It is a regular "family friend."

At all Chemists

MUSTEROLE BRAND

MUSTARD OINTMENT

Money back Guarantee. If after first few applications you are not completely satisfied, return what is left to Thos. Christy & Co., Ltd., 4, Old Swan Lane, E.C.4, and your money will be refunded.

> A Westcliff-on-Sea user says:—
>
> *"I am writing to tell you how much my family and I have benefited by your wonderful preparation, Musterole Brand Mustard Ointment. It is truly remarkable how the most stubborn chest cold yields before it. I really believe that Musterole is infallible."*

Musterole Brand Mustard Ointment gives *certain* relief in cases of CHEST COLDS, COUGHS, SORE THROAT, CONGESTION, MUSCULAR RHEUMATISM, ACHES AND PAINS IN BACK, STIFF MUSCLES, etc. Has saved thousands from PNEUMONIA after FLU and COLDS.

HEART TROUBLE

PRESCRIPTION THAT WILL GIVE YOUR HEART A NEW LEASE OF LIFE.

Don't be alarmed because you suffer from symptoms of palpitation or pain near the heart. It may be indigestion or overstrung nerves. Shadforth Tonic No. 632 (known as "Blue Lion Fox Nuts") will strengthen the nerves, steady the heart and tone up stomach and kidneys. Don't imagine yourself into an illness; have a good rest, take the prescription, and be normal in a few days. This prescription prevents palpitation, faintness, tremblings, run-down condition, and stops that falling to pieces feeling.

Ask for Shadforth Prescription Tonic No. 632.

Prices: 1/9 (50), 2/6 (72), 4/6 (144), 13/- (432).

NO MORE DISTURBED NIGHTS

Quick Relief and Comfort.

Kidney and Bladder Troubles, Incontinence, Constipation, Gall Stones, with associated Gout, Sciatica, Gravel, Scalding and constant getting up at nights are quickly relieved by the bloodless surgery of the Shadforth "Bladder Comforter." Immediately, all day and all night, painlessly, secretly, and without the loss of one drop of blood or one hour of employment, they get to work. They cleanse, cool and heal. They move what is harmful. You are restored. Don't worry. Shadforth will give you prompt relief.

Ask for Shadforth Prescription No. 285.

Prices: 2/6 (50), 4/6 (100), 13/- (300).

Here are further well-known SHADFORTH Prescriptions largely prescribed and used at this season of the year:—

"WHITE LIONS" or Stomach Tablets (No. 1077) cure Acidity, Gastritis, Stomach Pains and Digestive Disorders. Prices: 1/4 (72), 2/6 (144).

"BRAIN SPARKLERS" or Neurasthenia Tablets (No. 470), the mighty modern tonic for brain and nerves. Prices: 1/9 (25), 3/3 (50), 6/- (100).

REDUCE YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE with the Shadforth complete three-fold Treatment (No. 1108). It gives prompt relief and reduces the risk of a "stroke." Prices: 2/6 and 5/6.

Boots, Taylors, Timothy Whites and the best chemists either hold stock or gladly obtain to order, or you can obtain privately packed and post free at these prices from:—

SHADFORTH PRESCRIPTION SERVICE, LTD.

Dispensing Chemists
(Dept. J.B.X.), 40, KING WILLIAM ST., LONDON BRIDGE, E.C.4, and Branches.

The Peril Of A NEGLECTED COUGH

HOW LONG HAVE YOU HAD THAT COUGH?
I GET IT EVERY WINTER

Health tragedies arising from the neglect of what was regarded as "only a cough" are all too common. A cough is always a serious danger. It often leads to Asthma, Bronchitis and other Chest Troubles.

A cough, however slight, must be banished quickly . . . the quicker the better. Sufferers should not waste one moment in obtaining a bottle of Venos *Lightning* Cough Cure. The first dose brings relief, stops a coughing attack and begins to arrest the development of dangerous disease germs.

VENOS BRAND *Lightning* COUGH CURE

From All Chemists 11½d. & 1/3 LARGE FAMILY SIZE 3/-

BULMER'S CIDER COMPETITION RESULT.

The following 25 Competitors have each been awarded a SOLID SILVER CIDER TANKARD for their replies in the 10th Bulmer Contest.

Details of another Bulmer Contest are announced in this issue.

H. G. Ayland, 16, Princethorpe Road, Sydenham, S.E.26; Violet Balderson, "Rylstone," White Hill Avenue, Luton, Beds.; A. Bouskill, Berkland Avenue, Warsop, Notts.; G. P. Cotter, 42, Drayton Road, North End, Portsmouth; Alfred Dedaurens, "Heatherfield," Cranmore, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight; S. Fletcher, 96, Harvey Road, Meir, Stoke-on-Trent; R. Finlayson, 7, Dalhousie Place, Arbroath, Angus; Mrs. A. Foukis, 101, Roebuck Street, Preston, Lancs.; Alfred Greenwood, 21, Harrogate Road, Undercliffe, Bradford, Yorks; Mrs. J. G. Gibson, 7, Merewood Road, Barnehurst, Kent; Mr. J. Hankins, 99, Manchester Road, Accrington, Lancs.; J. Herod, 149, Mere Road, Leicester; Miss Nan Hodge, 1374, Shettleston Rd., Glasgow, E.2; Mr. H. G. Lewis, 33, Ashford Avenue, Hornsey, N.8; Mr. Murdoch MacLeod, "Lorna Doone," Lawrence-Weston, Henbury, nr. Bristol; A. H. Miller, The Rowans, Garvald, East Lothian; R. Parry, Tor View Cottage, North Tawton, Devon; Miss M. Pike, 27, Friar's Road, Coventry, Warwick; Leonard Pugh, School House, Dawley, Wellington, Salop; W. H. C. Stiling, Bygrove, Burham-on-Sea; Acupha Vendall, Barn End Poultry Farm, Solihull, Warwick; N. J. Ware, Westonville, 62, Perth Road, Wood Green, London, N.22; C. F. Watson, School House "A," Bradfield College, Berkshire; R. A. Willis, 10, McLeod Road, Abbey Wood, London, S.E.2; Charles White, "Baycott," 14, Laurel Crescent, Rush Green, Romford, Essex.

DETAILS OF A FURTHER BULMER CONTEST ARE ANNOUNCED ON P. 35

I'm no Mae West

but a lot of menfolk come up and see me sometimes. Some of them give me a rough time, I can tell you, sending my complexion all 'west' with their "barbed wire" chins.

If they'd only use STEAD RAZOR BLADES and keep their faces clean and smooth—they'd be more welcome. For smooth, perfect shaves there's nothing to compare with

STEAD RAZOR BLADES

In a handy wallet of 7 blades for 6d. Boots, Taylors Drug Stores, W. H. Smith & Sons Bookstalls, and most dealers sell them.

TO RELIEVE CATARRHAL DEAFNESS AND HEAD NOISES.

If you have Catarrhal Deafness or are hard of hearing or have head noises, go to your chemist and get one ounce of Parmint (Double Strength). Take this home and add to it half-pint of hot water and two ounces of sugar or two dessertspoonfuls of golden syrup or honey: stir until dissolved. This makes such a wonderful Lung Syrup that the first teaspoonful will bring relief.

This Parmint Syrup will end all the distressing head noises. Clogged nostrils will open, breathing become easy and the mucus stop dropping into the throat. This prescription is easy to prepare, costs little, and is pleasant to take. Anyone who has Catarrhal Deafness or head noises or Catarrh in any form should give this a trial. There is nothing better.

The Parmint Concentrated Essence only costs 2/9 for enough to make a large 80-dose, bottle but if you haven't time to make it up yourself, get a 1/3 bottle of the ready made-up Parmint Brand Syrup. It gives 20 doses.

BACKACHE, HEADACHE AND OTHER ACHES SIMPLY MEAN IMPURITIES IN BLOOD

Purify the blood by drinking a good home-made medicinal water, and see how quickly all such troubles go.

Merely taking pills to stimulate or even irritate the liver to temporary convulsive action will not do. You must thoroughly flush out and cleanse *all* the filtering and eliminative organs, and stop any further absorption of poisons into the blood. Simply drink an abundance of alkaline mineral water, two or three tumblerfuls a day being none too many. This will quickly be absorbed into the blood, since that is the only way it can reach the kidneys. To prepare the alkaline mineral water, merely dissolve in a tumblerful of plain, hot water a level teaspoonful of *'Alkia Saltrates,'* which any chemist can supply. While in the blood, the alkaline water dissolves and neutralises any uric acid or other impurities, which will then be filtered out and expelled by the kidneys. The effect of this process will be to relieve pain and impart strength and tone to the whole system, which has thus been flushed clear of painful, nerve-depressing and kidney-clogging impurities. In all cases of persistent headache, backache, etc., the astonishing benefits derived from *'Alkia Saltrates'* are usually noticeable within a day or two.

ALWAYS TAKE PEPS Brand

As a Peps tablet dissolves on the tongue you instantly breathe in the medicinal fumes. Peps soothe the throat, ease and comfort the chest, clear the bronchials and quickly stop that annoying cough. *1/3 and 3/- box.*

FOR COUGHS, BRONCHITIS COLDS AND CATARRH.

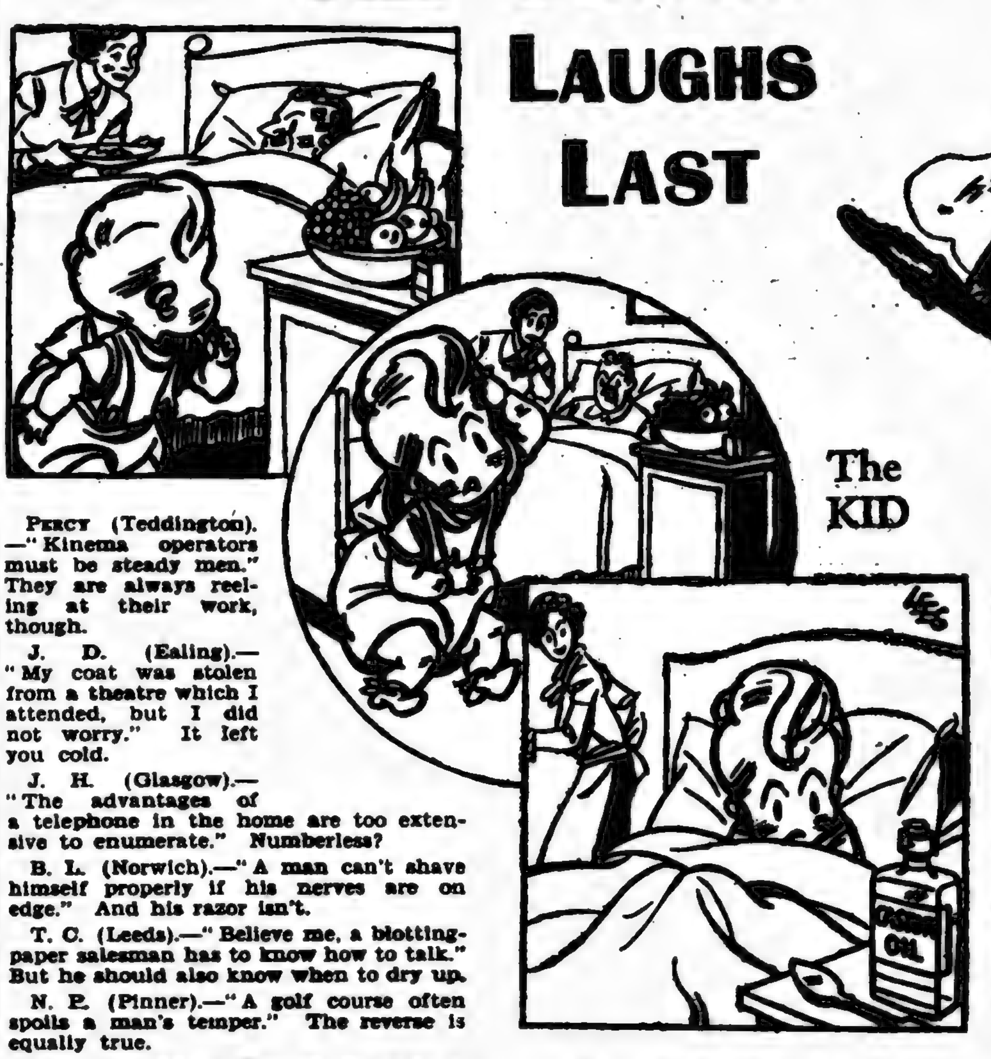
ROLL IN AG PAPERS and you are sure of satisfaction

FIT ALL MACHINES

There's no time like the Present for a present like

GRANT'S MORELLA CHERRY BRANDY

THE EDITOR LAUGHS LAST



Percy (Teddington).—"Kinema operators must be steady men." They are always reeling at their work, though.

J. D. (Ealing).—"My coat was stolen from a theatre which I attended, but I did not worry." It left you cold.

J. H. (Glasgow).—"The advantages of a telephone in the home are too extensive to enumerate." Numberless?

B. L. (Norwich).—"A man can't shave himself properly if his nerves are on edge." And his razor isn't.

T. C. (Leeds).—"Believe me, a blotting-paper salesman has to know how to talk." But he should also know when to dry up.

N. P. (Pinner).—"A golf course often spoils a man's temper." The reverse is equally true.

Mac (Dundee).—"What do you think of foreign countries manufacturing tartan?" It ought to be checked.

Octogenarian (Dewsbury).—"I've worn the same pair of trousers for forty years." On and off, of course.

* * *

H. W. (Wembley). "A clock is always a suitable gift." There's no present like the time.

* * *

Medico (Redruth).—"A retired magistrate of my acquaintance has taken up carpentry as a hobby." He's still on the bench.

Mrs. B. (Peldon).—"My husband is only a gamekeeper but he is very fastidious about his food." Won't he have his eggs poached?

P. L. (Colne).—"My dentist is a very keen angler and returns home with some wonderful catches." Does he pull them out of the mouth of the river?

S. P. (Shrewsbury).—"My wife makes all kinds of soups, which I drink just to please her." You go through thick and thin for her.

Thrift (Ripon).—"A friend of mine, a mattress maker, spends every penny as he gets it." It isn't only the mattresses that are soft, then.

M. G. (Aldershot).—"A man often spends many years looking for the ideal woman." And, in the meantime, he gets married.

T. W. (City).—"The office clock is the boss's most guarded possession." At all times of the day at least one of the staff is watching it.

S. McK. (Glasgow).—"Thank goodness my boys have fine big legs." Ah, but wait till they hang up their fine big stockings on Christmas Eve.

Tom (Plaistow).—"I think the most important task in a garden is to clear up the leaves." That's rather sweeping, isn't it?

* * *

C. M. (Southall).—"I shine at my particular work." Hotel boots?

* * *

G. P. (Ely).—"It is possible to live for four days on a banana." And yet we failed to keep ourselves on the skin of one for more than a split-second the other day.

Reader (Mirfield).—"It is extraordinary the opportunities film stars have for marriage. A well-known actress has just married for the fourth time." She husbands her chances!

Wifey (Manchester).—"My husband is in a tea and coffee business with another man, but they are forever at loggerheads." Their relations with each other are strained?

Tailor (Trowbridge).—"I've got engaged to a girl working in the same tailor's shop." You suit each other?

Scene-Shifter (Haymarket).—"It is really surprising the number of spiders I find in the theatre." Doubtless the flies attract them.

Reader (Nantwich).—"I hate to go to bed and leave a nice fire burning in the grate." We should refrain from going if it were burning anywhere else.

Safety (Orpington).—"I am very afraid that my son's curiosity will one day lead him into the road." You should curb it then.

H. R. (Warwick).—"What does it show when a fellow takes to parting his hair in the middle instead of at the side?" The top of his head.

Director (Wisbech).—"I spent many anxious hours after a fellow whose face seemed familiar had asked me for a job." Did you try to place him?

Six-Foot-Three (Birmingham).—"At my boy's club I find it necessary to put my foot down very firmly." You should make a big impression.

* * *

Mother (Chelmsford).—"Is it necessary to have long fingers to play the piano?" Not nearly as necessary as it is to have a piano.

* * *

Journalist (London, E.C.).—"My wife earns more for being photographed than I do for writing." Her features get more than your features.

D. K. (Hampstead).—"I am told that a well-known football back has become an hotel proprietor." We trust he continues to observe the rule against unfair charging.

Observant (London, W.).—"Pedestrians wait for approaching motor-cars to slow down before crossing by the beacons." Then the motorists anxiously wait for the pedestrians to speed up.

Amateur (Chiswick).—"My wife dislikes the pile of rubbish at the bottom of my garden, but I don't know how to get rid of it." It appears to be a burning question.

E. M. (Chelsea).—"The taxi-driver charged me double fare for driving me home in the fog the other night." No doubt he could not see his way clear to do it for less.

Rest (Croydon).—"I'm very fond of a game of snooker, but my wife is of opinion that every time I go out for a game I'm going straight to the devil." Well, you are going to pot!

Journalist (Pembridge).—"Sticking to a piece of fried fish my wife gave me was some newspaper, and on the newspaper part of one of my articles!" You were eating your words, in fact.

B. L. (Hitchen).—"It is quite possible to learn to swim indoors." That is so. Practise diving off the sideboard until the plumber comes.

F. D. (Hove).—"I am tired of being continually hard up." You've been short too long?

Pug (Whitechapel).—"If a promoter made you a decent offer for a fight, what would you do?" Clinch immediately.

"Fourteen" (Surrey).—"I hate school life, but it isn't the school I don't like." But the principal of the thing?

* * *

F. M. B. (Keston).—"I can always wake up when I want to." Then there's no need for alarm.

* * *

C. M. (Selby).—"What do you think I did when an explosion tore up the main road?" You tore up a side street.

Pater (Lewes).—"I often advise my son to take a leaf out of my book." See letter below.

W. D. (Lewes).—"I would be all right if only I could have a leaf or two out of the old boy's cheque book." See letter above.

Artist (Chelsea).—"An Italian sculptor friend of mine is working hard to earn sufficient money to enable him to visit Britain." He is busting to see us.

M. B. (Welwyn).—"My small son knocked over a beehive while playing in the garden." The little man had a buzzy day?

Steward (Chelsea).—"I often have to hold up members as they leave this club after a riotous evening." You've got a steady job?

A. B. (Chester).—"Should relations on a visit be allowed to sleep on sofas or just anywhere?" No. Such a procedure usually results in strained relations.

Dad (Woking).—"I can't understand why my son should object to a neat patch in the knee of his trousers." As a schoolboy he would probably appreciate one in the seat.

Surveyor (Bournemouth).—"I have to travel in all sorts of out-of-the-way places in my car." Especially when you take the wife shopping, and the seats are occupied by her parcels.

T. M. G. (Dover).—"My radio always seems to fade when something good is put on." Then let us put you on to something good—there are 50 *real* radio sets offered with *Bullets* cheques on page 47.

Writer (Bloomsbury).—"The time to write memoirs is when you are young enough to remember everything clearly." And when others are too old to remember anything clearly.

* * *

G. L. (Bath).—"The modern girl is very level-headed." She has to be to wear those flat hats.

* * *

Alpine (Dunstable).—"Once, whilst climbing, I slipped and was suspended over a ravine by the rope which was attached to my companions. I was frightfully nervous." Naturally, you were highly strung."

Medico (Dundee).—"I couldn't afford to buy a practice so leased a house and hung up a brass plate. Solely by reason of my superior diplomas I am making my way, slowly but surely." Improving by degrees?

(Many replies unavoidably held over)

If you are troubled by any matter—except, of course, of a medical nature—you can obtain free expert advice that will help you. A stamped and addressed envelope is all that you have to send with your query. Write to-day. The replies given on this page to facetious correspondents are for your entertainment.

YOU WOULD LIKE

the cool and distinctive flavour of TURBAN Cigarettes. Try a packet to-day.

THEY ARE GOOD

TURBAN

INDIAN BLEND CIGARETTES

2½d. for 10

Manufactured by B. MORRIS & SONS LTD., LONDON, E.1

A BARGAIN FROCK FOR THE FULLER FIGURE

In Twill Back Velveteen

SEND ONLY 2/- WITH ORDER.

A charming Frock in good quality Twill Back Velveteen, with vandyked tucked front. The detachable Vest is a contrast of crepe-backed Satin, finished with two rows of machine pleating. The sleeves are nicely finished with tucked cuffs to match the collar. Other details are a gored skirt and a belt at waist with buckle.

This Model Gown is a remarkable bargain at the price of 16/11, and will be sent on approval for only 2/- with order. If you are satisfied the balance may be paid by monthly instalments of 3/6.

Fill in the Coupon NOW, and post it while you have it in mind.

SIZES: Hips, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56 inches.

Lengths: 44, 46, 48, 50 inches.

COLOURS: Wine, Mulberry, Nut Brown, Navy, Black.

D.R. 95 BARGAIN COUPON.

Please send me, on approval, Frock No. D.R. 95, at present Bargain Price of 16/11.

Hip Measure ....

Length ....

Colour ....

I enclose 2/- deposit, together with 6d. for postage, and will pay balance of price either in one sum or by monthly instalments of 3/6. If not satisfied, and I return the Frock unworn at once, you will refund my deposit.

Enclose Coupon with full name (Mrs. or Miss) and address and Postal Order crossed thus / / in ink.

Overseas and Irish Free State, full cash only.

John Bull 8/12/34, No. 509.

Post your Order to—
AMBROSE WILSON, Ltd., 533, Ambrose House,
60, Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, S.W.1.

LEG TROUBLE

Accept this Offer.

★ A generous sample of a new remedy for all leg troubles and kindred ailments is offered on the back cover. A special free booklet and copies of recent testimonials will also be sent to all sufferers. Get full particulars by filling in the coupon in the announcement. Turn to the Back Cover now and FILL IN THE COUPON!

WHOSE HOUSE
is it?

HAVE you ever seen a family, clad only in their night-clothes, watching with horror their home being burnt to the ground? If so, you have witnessed a tragedy which you will never forget . . . a tragedy inflicted by mankind's most deadly enemy—**FIRE.**

Hundreds of fire calls are made throughout the country every week . . . hundreds of homes are gutted or partly destroyed by the merciless flames . . . families find themselves, overnight, homeless and faced with hardship and suffering.

No one knows where fire will break out. A match, a cigarette, a fallen piece of coal, soot, and scores of other simple causes lead to disaster.

Have you thought, when you have heard the clanging of the fire bell, what would happen to you and your family if you suddenly found your home in the grip of flames? Would you not be glad of a friendly helping hand? Would you not be glad of a handsome cheque to help you keep your flag flying proudly until the silver lining comes again. To be assured of such practical assistance, fill up the forms below for JOHN BULL'S Great Free Family Insurance Gift. JOHN BULL is the only paper in the world to safeguard the Home against Fire, Storm and Flood Damage. It is also the only paper to provide Sickness Benefit and to add a 10 per cent. bonus to every benefit paid to readers who have been registered for three months or more.

A READER WRITES . . .

The following is a letter received from a registered reader of JOHN BULL who has received Fire Benefit under JOHN BULL'S Insurance Gift. It is typical of thousands:

"*Many thanks for cheque received as claim for Fire Insurance, which I shall find very useful towards restoring some of my lost goods. I am sure it was a piece of providence to be a Registered Reader of your paper. . . .*"

And now here are just a few more of the many Benefits provided by JOHN BULL'S Unique Insurance Gift: Accidents in Home and Garden, on the Sports Field, Burglary, and Children's Accidents.

Fill up the forms below at once . . . don't leave it until to-morrow. JOHN BULL'S Insurance is a valuable gift you *must* seize immediately. Act right away.

"John Bull"—The *only* paper to pay Fire, Storm, Flood, and Sickness Benefits.

CUT HERE

JOHN BULL

***Hand* this Form to your Newsagent**

To (Name of Newsagent) ....

Address ....

....

Please deliver or reserve JOHN BULL for me weekly until further notice.

Signature ....

Address ....

....

.... Date ....

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY.

J.B. 8/12/34

CUT HERE

Post this Form to

"John Bull" Registration Department,
122, Long Acre, London, W.C.2.

I have sent an Order Form to my Newsagent for the regular weekly delivery of JOHN BULL. Please register me as a regular reader.

....

Reader's Signature.

Age ....

Address ....

....

....

Name and Address of Newsagent ....

....

.... Date ....

Use ½d. stamp. Don't seal envelope. A certificate setting out the full benefits and conditions and certifying registration will be sent if ½d. stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for return. **PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY.**

J.B. 8/12/34

25 Solid Silver Cider TANKARDS FREE!

Win a Xmas Box from Bulmers.

Here's a chance to test your skill in a free, simple competition. Turn to the Bulmer offer advt. on p. 35. Then simply fill in what you consider are the best words to complete the Bulmer advt. Write your suggestion on a postcard and send to H. P. Bulmer and Co., Ltd. (Dept. C.10), Hereford. For the best replies 25 solid silver Tankards will be distributed free. Entries must be sent in by December 11. See page 35.

JOHN BULL'S

Xmas Gift to You

Time's getting short—HURRY!

SEE PAGE 20

FLU

Don't let it get *YOU!*

A WARNING

and some

GOOD ADVICE

Thousands to-day are affected by a most serious epidemic. Cold, damp, fog, mist, are all taking their toll. The very air you breathe carries thousands of dangerous germs into your body. 'Flu, Colds, Nose and Throat affections are wreaking havoc everywhere.

Have you any of these warning symptoms?

—Do you feel Feverish?
—Do your Eyes Smart?
—Is your Throat Sore?
—Are your Limbs Heavy?
—Does your Head Ache?
—Have you a Cold?
—Do you feel Shivery?
—Have you got Pains?
—Have you a Cough?
—Are you Sneezing?
—Do you feel Weak?
—Are you Depressed?

Get some Beechams Brand Powders this very minute. Thousands upon thousands of wise people are taking this marvellous curative and preventive prescription. Be among them. Keep well to withstand the ravages of Winter Ills. Beechams Brand Powders cost only 2d. each. Take them at night with a hot drink. They are a vital protection. DON'T DELAY! ACT NOW!!
Not Laxative.
Sold everywhere.

A Beecham Product

Beechams Brand Powders

Carton of 8 Powders 1/3.
Single Powders 2d. each.

ACT LIKE MAGIC!

2d

GLORIOUS RELIEF!

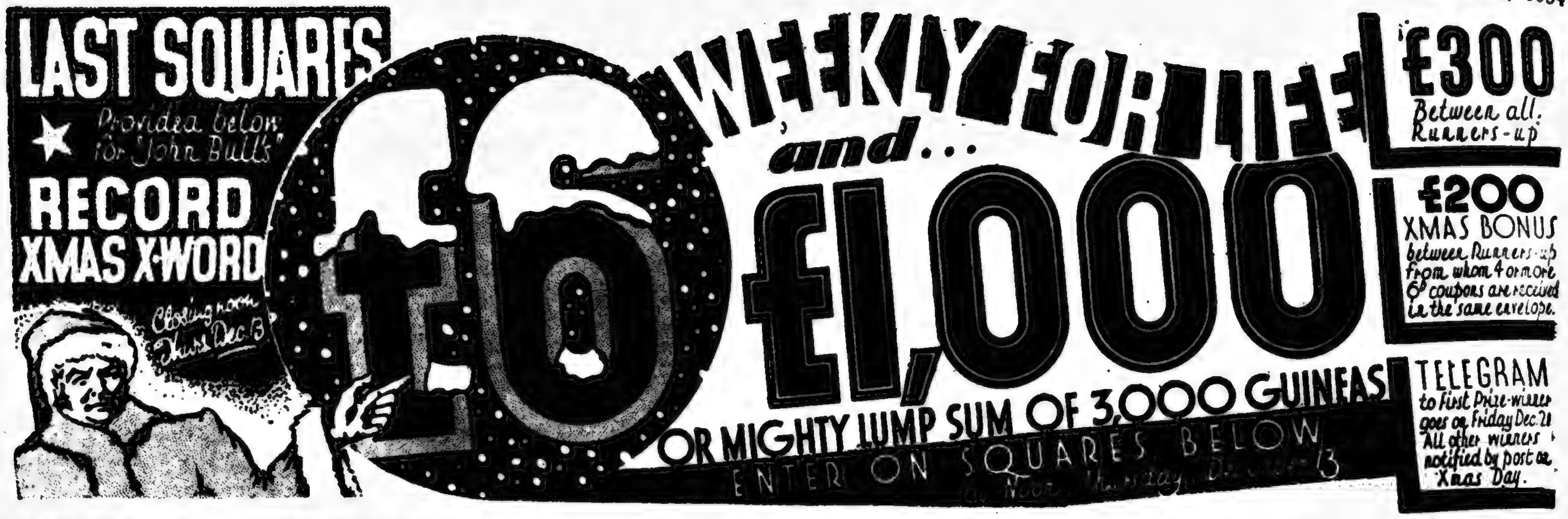
Banish the helplessness and excruciating agony of Rheumatism! URACE Brand TABLETS give prompt relief by dissolving the uric acid crystals that cause all the trouble.

● ***FREE SAMPLE*** from
NEWBERY & PHILLIPS, Ltd.,
33m, Banner Street, London, E.C.1.
1/3 & 3/-. From your Chemist.

URACE

BRAND TABLETS FOR

RHEUMATISM


LAST SQUARES
Provided below for "John Bull's"
RECORD XMAS X-WORD
Closing noon Thurs Dec 13
£6 WEEKLY FOR LIFE and... £1,000
OR MIGHTY LUMP SUM OF 3,000 GUINEAS
ENTER ON SQUARES BELOW
by Noon Thursday Dec 13
£300 Between all Runners-up
£200 XMAS BONUS between Runners-up from whom 4 or more 6d coupons are received in the same envelope.
TELEGRAM to First Prize-winner goes on Friday Dec 21 All other winners notified by post on Xmas Day.

IF you have not yet grasped the greatest Christmas Crossword opportunities ever known, start work at once on the bright and interesting puzzle which "John Bull's" Compiler presents on this page. This is the second and last week of our Record Yuletide Offer and your squares must reach us by the closing date or you will miss one of the finest Contests of 1934.

Study the details of the staggering First Prize to which "John Bull" points above. See that it is not one prize, but two. And give yourself the determination to win by considering what that £6 weekly Life Pension and £1,000 cash would mean to you.

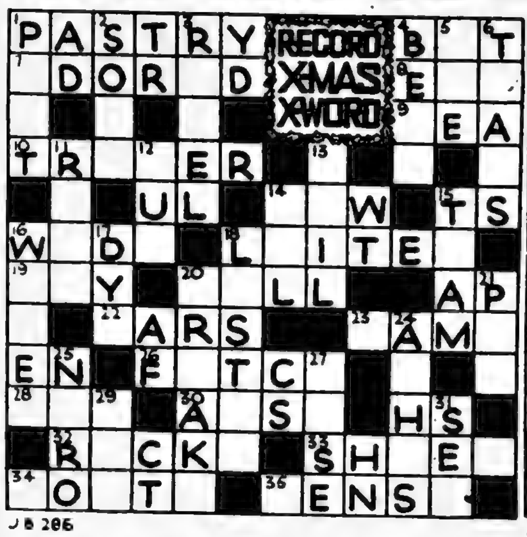
Observe also that no less than £500 cash will be divided among the Runners-up as announced above, so that even if others do just beat you the resulting cheque can solve many of your Christmas problems.

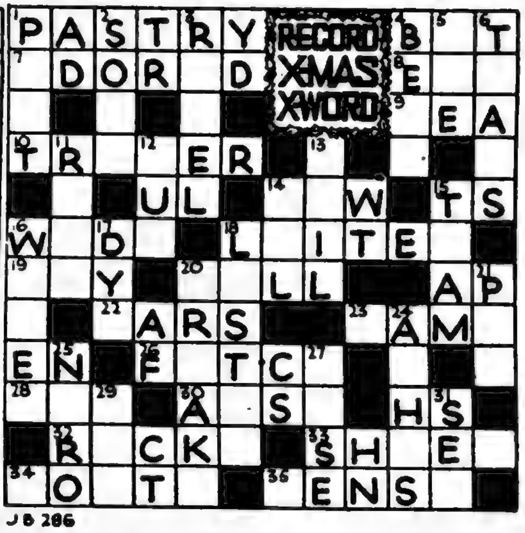
Thursday, December 13, is the last day for entries and the closing time is noon; do not be too late or you may be making a Christmas present of independence for life to somebody else!

USE SQUARES BELOW—EXTRA FORMS POST FREE

See note at foot.

"JOHN BULL" CROSSWORD No. 286—CLOSING (NOON) THURSDAY, Dec. 13, 1934





In entering this Competition, I agree to abide by the Editor's decision as final in all matters appertaining thereto, and enclose

P.O. value...... No..............
Readers in Scotland ineligible. See Rule 5.

ENTRY FEE
for 2 Squares
6D.

SIGNED ....

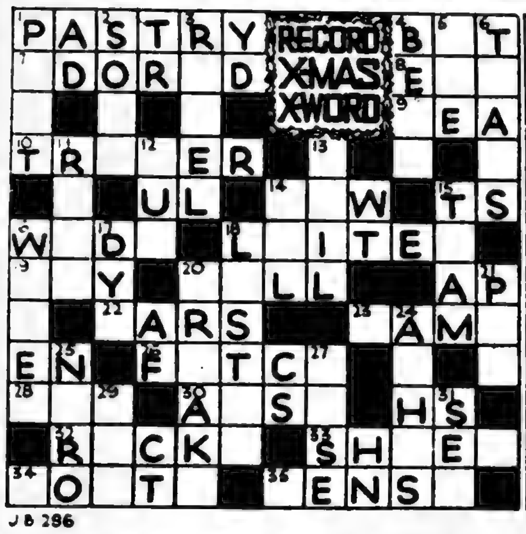
ADDRESS ....

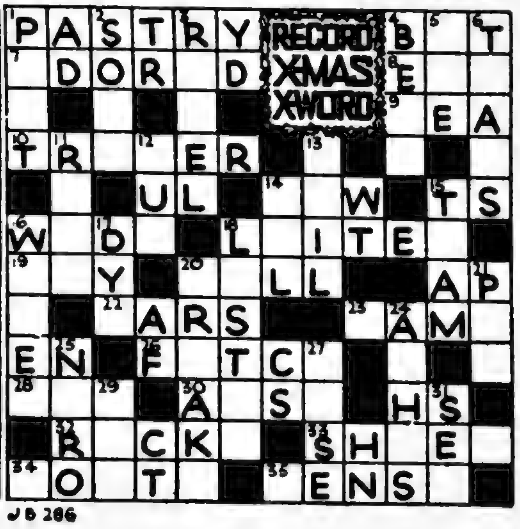
....

CUT ROUND THESE DOTTED LINES

CUT ROUND THESE DOTTED LINES

"JOHN BULL" CROSSWORD No. 286—CLOSING (NOON) THURSDAY, Dec. 13, 1934





In entering this Competition, I agree to abide by the Editor's decision as final in all matters appertaining thereto, and enclose

P.O. value........ No..............
Readers in Scotland ineligible. See Rule 5.

ENTRY FEE
for 4 Squares
1/-

SIGNED..............................

ADDRESS..............................

....

ENTRY FEE

With two squares send P.O. for SIXPENCE. With four squares send P.O. for ONE SHILLING. Extra entries at same rate. See Rule 1.

EXTRA SQUARES POST FREE

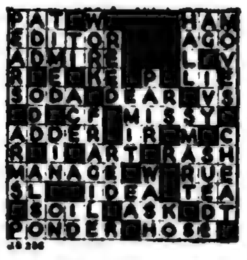
Other squares appeared in last week's "John Bull." For extra squares send PENNY p.c. to Crossword Gazette Dept., 30, Bedford St., Strand, W.C.2, stating number of 6d. entry forms required.

ADDRESS ENTRY

"JOHN BULL" CROSSWORD
No. 286, 57, Long Acre
London, W.C.2 (Comp.)

NO CLAIMS REQUIRED—ALL ENTRIES EXAMINED

"JOHN BULL" WILL PAY a Life Pension of £6 a week and £1,000 (or a lump sum of 3,000 Guineas) for a correct solution on one square of the puzzle. Failing a correct solution the prize will be awarded to the reader whose entry is the nearest correct solution. An additional £300 will be divided between those competitors who enter squares containing one error only, or only one error more than the winning solution. An extra Bonus of £200 will be divided between Runners-up from whom we have received four or more sixpenny coupons in the same envelope. Solution of puzzle and winner will be published in "John Bull" on Thursday, December 27.



X-Word Solution, No. 285.

Winners in 284 on page 45. Result of 285 will be published next week. The solution of "John Bull" X-word No. 285 is given above as a matter of interest to our X-word Competitors. We wish to emphasise that no claims are required for this X-word, as all entries are being carefully examined by our staff.

STUDY THESE OLUES

ACROSS

1. Good cook makes this light
4. It fits into horse's mouth
7. Loved intensely
8. Before
9. Pasture
10. Deals in goods
14. Used for cutting wood
16. Describes the world
18. To do so on pedestrian crossing is illegal
19. "——old rags, bottles or bones!"
20. Players get accustomed to taking
22. Rabbit has long ones
23. Describes the average town sparrow
26. Dog's often trained to do this
28. What jelly should do
30. In addition to
32. Describes Cornish coast
33. Covering is provided by
34. The noise made by these is disturbing
35. Describes hall's atmosphere at popular boxing match

DOWN

1. Has been studied by competent actor
2. Is constantly used in home
3. Sometimes gives police a job
4. Ring on this is common
5. Anger
6. Often seen in shorts
11. Often stops a gallop
12. Give the devil his
13. You can usually hear it arriving
14. Another name for the sun
15. It runs on rails
16. The higher they are, the bigger the splash
17. Gives colour to cloth
18. Finally
20. One encounters many in old cars
21. May make you feel uncomfortable in church
24. Dustman's loads make him used to them
25. Historic fiddler
27. Firemen use one
29. In addition
31. Look

READ THESE RULES AND CONDITIONS

1.—Complete puzzle in ORDINARY INK, not copying-ink or copying-ink pencil, cut out the whole entry form, whether both puzzle squares are used or not. Entry Fee for two squares is SIXPENCE. Increase P.O. by 6d. for each additional two squares submitted. Make Postal Order payable to Odhams Press Ltd., and cross it / & Co./; write name, address and date of posting on back of P.O. and fill in the number upon Entry Form; send Entry Form by post as directed, to reach us not later than NOON, Thursday, December 13, 1934.

2.—Squares left incomplete, mutilated, indistinct or altered will be disqualified. No responsibility is accepted for any entry lost, delayed, not delivered or mislaid, and no correspondence will be entered into.

3.—Solution and winner of this contest will appear in "John Bull," on sale Thursday, December 27. Should any competitor not announced as a winner have entered a coupon eligible for a share of the first prize he must demand a scrutiny by first post on Tuesday, January 8, 1935, in accordance with directions given with result. Any such scrutiny which may amend the result must be accepted as final. No scrutiny can be conducted in connection with the additional award of £300 to be divided between the runners-up. Competitors should note that errors are computed according to the number of words which wrongly answer the clues given.

4.—In the event of a tie, a prize will be divided, but no competitor may receive more than one award per contest. Should First Prize be shared 3,000 Guineas will be paid instead of dividing pension.

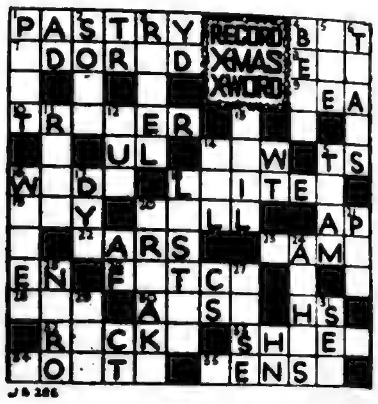
5.—Readers in Scotland are debarred from and cannot enter the Competition. Any entry form bearing an address in Scotland will be disqualified.

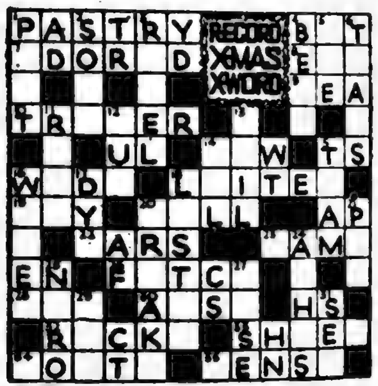
6.—Failure to comply with any of the conditions involves disqualification.

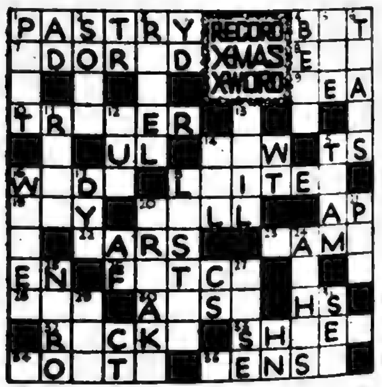
7.—Employees of Odhams Press Ltd., and members of their families are not eligible to compete.

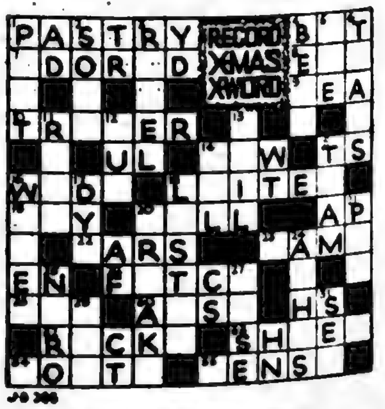
KEEP YOUR COPIES BELOW.

These miniature reproductions of this week's Puzzle are only to be used for keeping copies of your solution.









NEWSAGENT'S PRIZE.

A special prize of £5 will be awarded to the Newsagent from whom this contest's first prize winner usually purchases his copy of "John Bull." Should the first prize be shared the £5 will be divided between sharers' Newsagents.

Free Help for X-Word Entrants.

Send Postcard for free copy of "John Bull's" Crossword Gazette, Address: Gazette Dept., 30, Bedford Street, W.C.2. or register for 12 weeks' supply on Coupon on "Bullets" page.

A Fight Against Rupture

ATTENTION versus NEGLECT.

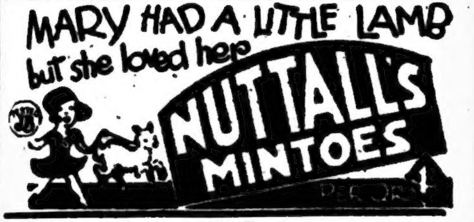
Everyone should realise the seriousness of Rupture, even where the protrusion is small. The Brooks Appliance is the finest kind of mechanical support for Rupture that it is possible to build. Hard pads and stiff springs are entirely eliminated. Our Automatic Air Cushion, light, cool and absolutely sanitary, is protected by patents in the British Isles and all important foreign countries.

Your name and address pinned to this advertisement will bring complete details of our free 10 days' trial plan in plain sealed envelope. No need to write a letter.

BROOKS APPLIANCE CO., LTD.
(682U), 80, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.2.
(682U), Hilton Chambers, Hilton Street,
Stevenson Square, Manchester, 1.

A FREE Furnishing Catalogue that You ought to possess.

ON page 37 Jay's Furnishing Stores offer readers of *John Bull* a Catalogue crammed full of bargains of their Special furnishings, together with full details of their special easy payment terms and Xmas Free Gifts. A free copy of this excellent Catalogue can be obtained by filling in the coupon on p. 37 and posting in an unsealed envelope bearing ½d. stamp. Address: Jay's Furnishing Stores, Ltd., Dept. *John Bull*, 248, Tottenham Court Road, London, W.1.



Help Kidneys

- If Kidney Trouble or Bladder Weakness makes you suffer from Getting Up Nights, Nervousness, Dizziness, Rheumatism, Stiffness, Burning, Smarting, Itching or Acidity, try the guaranteed Cystex (Siss-tex) Treatment. Must cure or money back. At Boots, Taylors, Timothy White's and all chemists.

THREE FAMOUS REMEDIES
(Renowned for over 70 years).

FENNINGS'
CHILDREN'S POWDERS

FOR CHILDREN CUTTING THEIR TEETH.
PREVENT CONVULSIONS. ARE COOLING AND SOOTHING.
CONTAIN NOTHING INJURIOUS TO A TENDER BABE.

SOLD IN STAMPED BOXES: 1/3 & 3/- also 1d. EACH or 2 for 1½d.

FEVER CURER

THE GREAT PREVENTIVE AND REMEDY FOR INFLUENZA, COLDS, FEVERS, AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

SOLD IN BOTTLES at 1/3.

LUNG HEALERS

FOR COUGHS, COLDS, BRONCHITIS.
THEY ASSIST THE LUNGS TO THROW OFF ALL IRRITATING MATTER, AND TO REGAIN HEALTH AND VIGOUR.

SOLD IN BOXES at 1/3 and 3/-.

A copy of Fennings' "EVERY MOTHER'S BOOK,"
and of Fennings' "EVERYBODY'S DOCTOR,"
will be sent post free on application to

ALFRED FENNINGS, COWES, ISLE OF WIGHT.

£1,650 and 75 Xmas Hampers Won in Crossword Competition No. 284

In the above Competition, solutions containing one error were received from the following seven competitors, who share the £850 offered. To each of them, subject to the conditions of the Competition, a cheque for £121 8s. 7d. will be sent:—

Miss F. M. Cousens, West Marden, Chichester; L. I. Dyson, 116, Upper Hoyland, Hoyland, Barnsley; J. Gent, 24, Congress Street, Chorley, Lancs; C. J. Mear, Higher Uphay, Axminster, Devon; W. N. Rutter, 28, Doukin Terrace, North Shields; F. Sherrard, 164, Monks Park Cotts., Coventry; Mrs. H. Williams, Medart, Heather Road, Newport, Mon.

Any other entrant who claims to have sent a solution eligible for a share of this Prize must demand a scrutiny by First Post, Tuesday, December 18, sending £1 Scrutiny Fee, copy of solutions and Postal Order number. Envelope to be registered, marked "Scrutiny" and addressed to the Competition Editor of "John Bull."

No scrutiny can be undertaken in connection with the Award of £100 to Runners-up. This Prize has been divided between 68 competitors from whom we received solutions containing two errors, and who will each receive £1 9s. 5d. A list of these winners can be seen at the "John Bull" offices, and all have been notified.

An extra £100 will be shared among the Runners-up who submitted two 6d. coupons in the same envelope.

In addition to the above awards, the seven competitors sharing the First Prize and each of the 68 competitors sharing the £100 for Runners-up will receive shortly before Christmas an extra award of a Christmas Hamper.

BONUS WINNERS IN CROSSWORD No. 282.—Forty-one competitors qualified to share the extra £100 offered, and payments of £2 8s. 10d. have been despatched.

A Record X-Word Offer with a First Prize of a Life Pension of £8 a week and £1,000 Cash, or one lump sum of 3,000 Guineas, and £500 to be divided between Runners-up as announced, appears on Page 44. Try your skill now!

A Very Good Thing for a

The "Allenburys" Glycerine & Blackcurrant Pastilles
The fresh ripe fruit
Allen & Hanburys Ltd
London

BAD THROAT

When there's a wretched tickling in your throat that makes you feel miserable and annoyed, an 'Allenburys' Pastille will stop the trouble and put your throat at ease. Made from pure glycerine and the fresh juice of ripe blackcurrants, they are both delicious and effective. Try a tin to-day.

Take care of your throat—take

Allenburys Glycerine & Black Currant PASTILLES

From all chemists in 2 oz. & 4 oz. tins } *8d. & 1/3d.*

Hang up your Stocking

—and your hat and coat as well! There's no need to go searching for Xmas Bargains—there are plenty displayed in John Bull's Shop Window (pages 2, 3 & 4).

ARM YOURSELF WITH 'ASPRO' AND COMBAT COLDS - 'FLU AND RHEUMATISM

This year do not fear 'FLU, COLDS or RHEUMATISM. Just combat them with 'ASPRO.' It can be done SURELY, SAFELY, EFFECTIVELY and QUICKLY. In 'ASPRO' you have expressed in the form of a medicine tablet all the skill and experience of years of medical research directed against numerous feverish complaints—winter chills and ills—pain, etc. Thousands of people have proved for themselves that a hot lemon drink and two 'ASPRO' tablets will smash up a cold or 'flu attack in one night. They know, too, how quickly it banishes rheumatic attacks—soothes pain—soothes irritability—stops headache. If you have not yet tried it and proved the wonderful efficacy and healing power of 'ASPRO,' DO SO NOW. We know you will be delighted with the service it renders. Remember, after ingestion in the system 'ASPRO' is a solvent of Uric Acid—a powerful germicide—an internal antiseptic and an anti-pyretic or fever-reducer, so it attacks the cause of numerous complaints. Furthermore, 'ASPRO' promotes a healthy action of the skin, which enables poisons in the system to be thrown out through the millions of pores. Make 'ASPRO' your protection for the whole family. Much suffering—much time will be saved by your thoughtful action.

READ THIS COLD AND 'FLU TESTIMONY

Try 'ASPRO' AS A GARGLE

Two 'ASPRO' tablets in four tablespoonfuls of water make an excellent gargle for sore throat tonsilitis, and act as a deterrent.

KEEPS FREE FROM RHEUMATISM AND COLDS

Mrs. Whitehead, of 38, Kay Street, Middleton, writes:—Last winter I was never without a cold, which at last turned into rheumatism, and I was in bed for weeks. When I started getting up I thought I would try 'ASPRO,' as I had taken them for headaches and they had always banished them. It was not long before I was feeling myself again, and this year I am glad to say I have never had one cold.

I take two 'ASPRO' tablets every night, and they keep me free from rheumatism and colds. Twelve months ago I thought I would never walk again, and now I am better than ever.

TRY 'ASPRO' FOR—

INFLUENZA
HEADACHES
SLEEPLESSNESS
NEURALGIA
SCIATICA
GOUT
RHEUMATISM
ALCOHOLIC AFTER-EFFECTS
TOOTHACHE
COLDS
LUMBAGO
IRRITABILITY
NEURITIS
HAY FEVER
NERVE SHOCK
PAINS PECULIAR TO WOMEN
MALARIA
ASTHMA

'ASPRO' consists of the purest Acetylsalicylic Acid that has ever been known to Medical Science, and its claims are based on its superiority.

AGENTS: COLLIN & CO. PTY. LTD. ('ASPRO' DEPT.), SLOUGH, BUCKS.
Telephone: Slough 608.

No proprietary right is claimed in the method of manufacture or the formula.

MADE BY ASPRO LTD., SLOUGH, ENGLAND.

ALL LEADING CHEMISTS & STORES STOCK AND DISPLAY 'ASPRO'

3D. 6D. 1/3. 2/6 PER PACKET

EXTRA TABLETS FREE

The cheapest way to buy 'ASPRO' is the 2/6 packet. It contains ten extra tablets, equivalent to 3/- worth of 'ASPRO.' The next cheapest way is the 1/3 packet which contains two extra tablets.

'ASPRO' REG. TRADE MARK

DR. SINGHA'S ASTHMA CURE

UNFAILINGLY SUCCESSFUL IN CHRONIC AND OBSTINATE CASES

This dread malady which has finally defied medical science in its search for a remedy has now met its doom finally, definitely, irrevocably! Dr. Singha, the eminent Indian Pathologist, has given to the World Nature's remedy for the positive destruction of Asthma and Bronchitis. Dr. Singha's amazing specific gets right down to the root of the trouble instantly, attacking Asthma where it starts and develops, removing the cause entirely and quickly allaying dyspnœa of Bronchitis, calming the nervous system and preventing the deterioration of other organs.

FIGHT ASTHMA WHERE IT DEVELOPS

DR. SINGHA'S ASTHMA CURE quickly cuts short an attack. Its soothing ingredients immediately relieve choking sensations, gasping for breath, and enable the tough viscous phlegm to be expelled with a minimum of effort. It miraculously relieves congested bronchial tubes, giving the sufferer comforting relief, ease from pain, and induces calm, restful slumber.

Delay is dangerous. The longer you leave Asthma in your system the firmer grip it will get. Get the instant relief that DR. SINGHA'S ASTHMA CURE will give and know that a short course of treatment will banish Asthma entirely from your system no matter how chronic it has become nor the number of years it has held you in bondage.

CLEARS ASTHMA RIGHT OUT OF THE SYSTEM

Throw off the shackles of pain, hopelessness and misery. The result of the free test sample will amaze you. It will probably give you the first night's comfortable sleep you have had for years and you will wake in the morning feeling stronger and astonished to find that your breathing is so much easier. Results are positive, there is nothing left in doubt. Do not be deterred because other remedies have failed to give you any lasting benefit. **DR. SINGHA'S ASTHMA CURE** is different. It is hailed by the medical profession and the public alike as being the greatest advance in medical science of the century.

FREE TRIAL CONVINCED OVER 250,000 SUFFERERS

Don't endure misery and torture for the rest of your life, break the chains of illness that bind you. Test the free trial and you will prove true what the suffering public, specialists, Doctors and Chemists have written freely about this remarkable quick-working remedy.

WARNING Every genuine carton of **Dr. Singha's Asthma Cure bears a** Government stamp and the signature of the famous Dr. Singha. It has no substitute.

Hundreds of testimonials similar to these can be inspected at our offices.

Mrs. H. H.—The little Asthma Tablets are the best I have ever had. Shall recommend them to everyone.
Mr. E. E.—Your tablets are just wonderful. The first sample did more good than any other cure I have tried, and I have taken everything.

SUCCESSFUL WHERE OTHERS FAILED!
We have tried every remedy we have seen advertised, but they did not keep off the attacks. Your tablets have brought my husband great relief, in fact, he has had no return of Asthma since taking them. J. L. S. 7/11/34.

HARLEY STREET LUNG SPECIALIST WRITES:
Your Asthma Tablets quickly cut short an attack in chronic cases. They do their work well. They should be prescribed widely.

A DOCTOR APPROVES.
A relative of mine, an Asthmatic for 40 years, is now almost completely free from this dread complaint. I have used your Asthma Tablets in many of my cases with excellent results.

LONDON CHEMIST EMPHATIC.
Delighted to recommend Dr. Singha's Tablets to my Asthma suffering customers, as I am convinced there is no remedy for Asthma to equal it.

QUICKER THAN ANYTHING ELSE.
L.J., 21/11/34.—I wish to thank you for the sample Tablets and find that they give quicker relief than anything I have tried. A friend of Fulham Cross also wishes me to thank you. I recommended your Tablets to her, she having been in bed for three weeks. To-day she is up and about.

ASTHMA CURED AT 73.
C.S.—My Doctor told me there was now nothing the matter with my chest, so I have been cured of Asthma which I have had all my life. I am now in my 73rd year.

20 YEARS' ASTHMA CONQUERED.
Mrs. J. T., 27/9/34.—I am writing to thank you for the relief I have received from your Asthma Cure. As my case was of 20 years' standing, and I was 55, it was marvellous after trying so many cures. If only they would persevere I am sure no one need have Asthma.

BEST CURE EVER HAD.
W.H.M., 21/11/34.—It is now a year since I had the last attack. They are really wonderful and have been a boon to me. They are the best Asthma Tablets to cure that I have ever had.

ASTHMA BANISHED LIKE MAGIC.
Mrs. A. C.—Within half an hour of taking the first tablet I slept all night without even coughing. The Asthma has completely left me as if by magic. I suffered agonies for years. At last I have found a cure.

CONQUERED AFTER 30 YEARS.
Mrs. T.—I have been a great sufferer for over 30 years, trying every so-called "cure" known without the least success. I did not know what sound sleep was until I tried your Tablets. Now quite free and comfortable.

BANISH CATARRH

FREE SAMPLE.

The Dr. Singha (Brand) Catarrh Cure has brought relief to thousands of Chronic sufferers. They proved its wonderful curative properties which attacked not only the local areas where Catarrh makes its presence felt, but also those hidden parts of the stomach and intestines which form a convenient breeding place for this noxious complaint. It is a most effective and rapid remedy for all coughs, especially "Smoker's Cough." If you suffer from Bleeding Nostrils, Blocked Nose, Mucus passing down throat, Head Noises, Sore Throat, Dry Mouth, Hawking, Spitting, Stomach Disorders, Pain under the Heart, Singing in the Ears, Constipation, Impaired Eyesight and Failing Memory, you should get a free sample and convince yourself of the amazing efficacy of this wonderful two-in-one specific. Fill in coupon. Complete Duo-Treatment 6/-.

Sister Esther was quite relieved after taking your sample, so I got her your Duo-treatment at our Chemist's here. I think your Catarrh Remedy quite wonderful, and am so thankful to have been told about it." Sister-in-Charge. 7/11/34.

Dr. Singha's Asthma Cure is obtainable from all Chemists including Boots (all branches), Taylors Drug Stores and Timothy Whites at 3/-, 5/-, 12/- and 20/-, or sent direct post free if any difficulty.
(Sample offer does not apply to I.F.S.)

FREE TRIAL COUPON

TO THE DR. SINGHA CO., LTD. (DEPT. J.B. 13), CAERNARVON, G.B.
Please send Free 48 pp. Treatise by Dr. Singha—which is worth its weight in Gold—Testimonials, and

1. Sample of "Dr. Singha's Asthma Tablets." (3d. in stamps enclosed to cover cost of postage and packing.) **Cross out sample not required.**
2. Sample of The "Dr. Singha (Brand) Catarrh Cure." (3d. in stamps enclosed to cover cost of postage and packing.) **Write plainly in block letters.**

NAME ....
(State if Mr., Mrs., Miss or Title.)
ADDRESS ....
....
....
Age.................................... How long suffered....................................

NOW HIS OLD FOLKS CAN KEEP THEIR HOME

Interview with £500 Winner

He's made six families happy.

ONE is apt to look at the neat curtains of trim little homes by the sea and suppose that all is well behind them. But, writes a JOHN BULL representative, one is apt to be very wrong.

For instance, had you called at 159, St. Alban's Road, St. Annes-on-Sea, but a few hours before me, you would have found that this pleasant home might soon have to be given up through the unemployment of Mr. Booth, Senior.

Fortunately, however, my call there was to congratulate young Mr. J. H. E. Booth on his £500 success in *Bullets* Competition No. 960. I found him a tall, good-looking youngster of twenty-three, brother of a well-known Lancashire cricketer and a salesman in the St. Annes-on-Sea branch of Montague Burton, Ltd.

"This will mean happiness for us all," declared the young tailor's assistant who made up that neat and telling *Bullet*, THAT FELLOW SMITH—SOMETIMES YOU'D "THINK PRINCE."

"Until recently my father, who now works in Preston, was unemployed for a long time. Inevitably his savings dwindled and sooner or later, but for my big win, we should have had to give up this house. My sister, too, had to give up her studies for the L.R.A.M. pianoforte degree on which she had set her heart.

They'll both have a jolly Christmas.

"So £250 will go into the bank," the winner told me with satisfaction. "The rest will enable the old folks to keep their home and my sister to get her diploma."

It was the chief of the department in which he worked, I learnt, who first introduced Mr. Booth to our Competition.

"I entered a lot of poor stuff until I took *Bullets Bulletin*," the winner recalled. "Following its hints and its advice to study the winners brought me my big success."

Five needy families in the district are also to benefit by Mr. Booth's success. With his £500 cheque came the privilege of nominating them to receive a Christmas Hamper. He has done so and JOHN BULL is making arrangements accordingly.

* * *

The Second Prize success in this Contest has also proved a victory for youth. "James Ley" was the name on the coupon. But it was used for entry purposes by charming Miss W. Duval, Heston Cottage, North Hyde Lane, Heston, who made up the £50 *Bullet*, WORTH FIGHTING FOR — "BETTER POSITION" —NEARER "WEDDING."

"My mother is a keen 'Bulleteer,'" she said, "and her small prizes spurred me on.

"When I started studying her *Bullets Bulletin* I realised that I had been merely skimming the surface. Then I got down to definite work, polishing and perfecting.

"My prize will mean a jollier Christmas and a few extra presents all round."

Why not wish yourself A Happy New Year in a practical way? There is a £500 cheque heading 50 Cash - plus - Radio prizes waiting to be won on the opposite page; enter some good *Bullets* and a thrilling First Prize telegram may be yours!

RESULT OF COMPETITION No. 961

FIRST PRIZE—£500 AND £20 XMAS CHEQUE YEARLY FOR LIFE

L. THOMAS, "St. John's," Park Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight.
Example: MY MOTHER
Bullet: OVERJOYED—I'VE "ARRIVED" AGAIN.

SECOND PRIZE OF £50:

F. W. WYLES, 44, Stafford Street, Leicester.
Example: Chubby Fists
Bullet: Need "Seconds" In Westminster.

THIRD PRIZE OF £25:

A. A. WALKER, Jnr., Stone Cottages, Marchwiel, Wrexham
Example: Emergency Exit
Bullet: Ignore—Face Life's "Fire"!

OTHER PRIZES:

£15: T. MELVIN, 145, Weir Street, Glasgow.
Life's Best—Side, "Good Turn" Reveals.
£10: C. S. BEAVAN, Ivy Cottage, Fulford, York.
Britannia's Course—Extending Hand—Tending "Teeth."
£9: M. WHISK, "Glenroyd," Moore Avenue, South Shields.
My Mother—Wife Disarmed By "Mothering."
£8: Miss M. FORREST, Dalrigh, Oban, Argyll.
Frozen—Stiff, Copying "Glowing" Testimonials!
£7: R. M. LIVINGSTONE, 148, Killoch Drive, Knightswood, Glasgow.
He's A Genius, So—"Creates"—So Do Creditors!
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)
£6: Miss J HARE, Crumhill, Ballymena, Co. Antrim.
The Scaremonger—Then Denies Child Nightlight.
£5: S. SEAGRAVE, 58, Chatsworth Road, Chesterfield.
He's A Genius, So—Heads Touched—Later, Hats.

15 OF £2 10s. EACH:

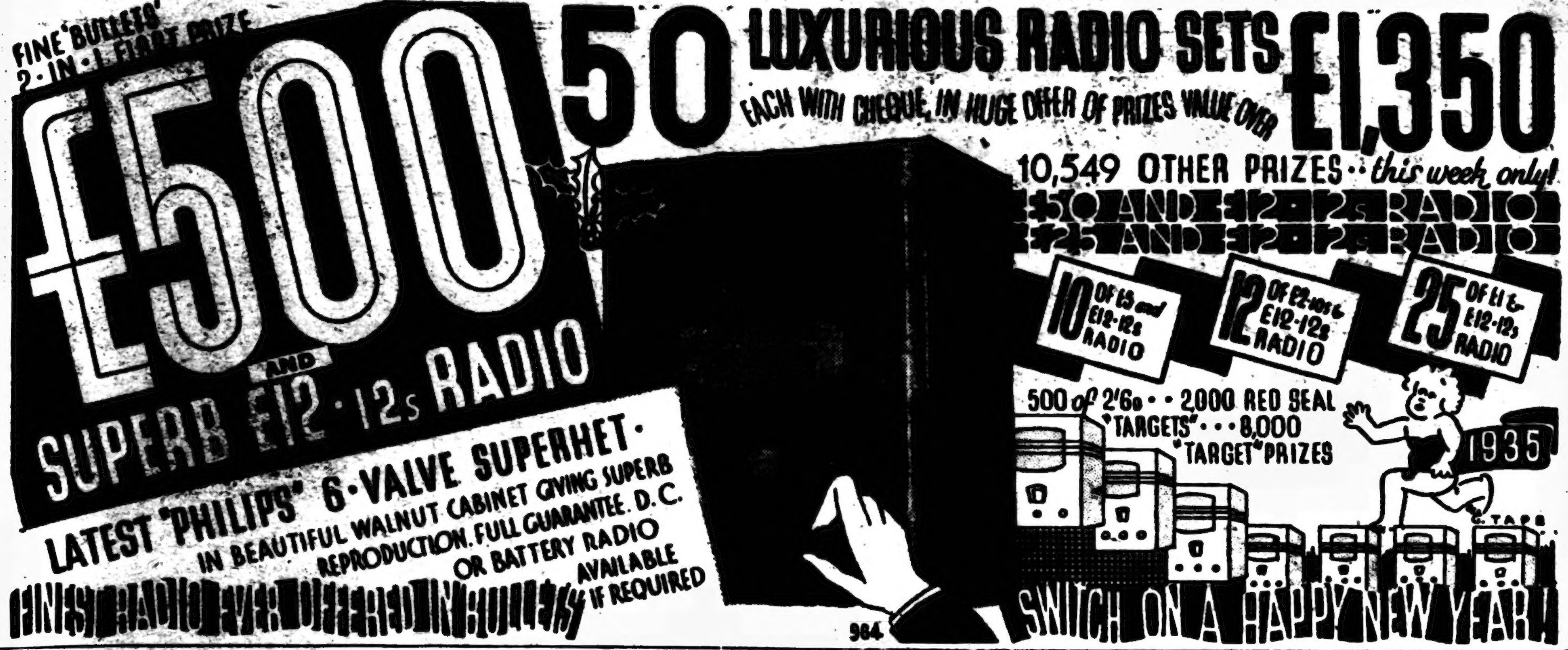
T. J. T. BAKER, 9, Midholm, Wembley Park, Middlesex.
When She's Roused—Britannia "Slips Into Things."
L. BASILGETTE, 26, Parkfield Street, Manchester.
Britannia's Course—In India, Isn't "Run."
Mrs. A. FAULDS, 61, Watson Road, Worksop.
My Mother—Understands Sigh, Not Psychology.
J. FREYNE, 194, DG Road, Bryn, Wigan.
He's A Genius, So—Starves—Ingenious Chap Prospers
S. B. GILBERT 20. Jamaica Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.
On And On—Trudging—Swiping—Swearing—Golf!
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)
N. H. HARGREAVES, 10, Bower Street, Oldham.
Dark Cloud—"Curtain" Drawing *Us* Together.
C. T. HOLLAND, 59, Victoria Road, Bromley, Kent.
Certain—Of Wait Awaiting Certainty.
C. P. JOHNSON, 277, Crystal Palace Road, London S.E.
Blotted Out—The Sunshine Pessimist's "Molehill."
H. V. KEEBLE, 322, Nacton Road, Ipswich.
The Scaremonger—"Prophet" A "Cloud" *Brings.*
F. KNIGHT, 87 Castle Road, Bedford.
New Neighbours—Evidently Gamblers—Invited Us
H. L. NORTON, 6, Amberley Street, Liverpool.
Certain—Doom? Give Pessimism "Crack"!
J. PILKINGTON 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough.
Falling Over Themselves—Then Precipice, Rash Speculators
H. V. TARGETT, 25, Darnley Road, Gravesend.
Falling Over Themselves—My "String." Untying Parcel
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)
D. H. WILKINSON, 2, Drayton Road, West Ealing, W.
Life's Best—"Instalment Plan" Fills *Nursery.*
Mrs. R. V. WORTHINGTON, 43, Newton Drive, Blackpool.
Shook The House—Maid, But Overlooked Rugs!

A list of 100 Turkey and 500 Surrey Fowl winners can be seen at these offices.

ALL WINNERS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED.

"John Bull's" Xmas Gift Vouchers—see page 20
"John Bull's" Insurance Registration Forms appear on page 43

BRITISH MUSEUM 3 JAN 35


FINE 'BULLETS' 2-IN-1 FIRST PRIZE
£500
AND
SUPERB £12·12s RADIO
LATEST 'PHILIPS' 6·VALVE SUPERHET·
IN BEAUTIFUL WALNUT CABINET GIVING SUPERB REPRODUCTION. FULL GUARANTEE. D.C. OR BATTERY RADIO AVAILABLE IF REQUIRED
FINEST RADIO EVER OFFERED IN BULLETS
50 LUXURIOUS RADIO SETS
EACH WITH CHEQUE, IN HUGE OFFER OF PRIZES VALUE OVER £1,350
10,549 OTHER PRIZES·· this week only!
£50 AND £12-12s RADIO
£25 AND £12-12s RADIO
10 OF £5 and £12-12s RADIO
12 OF £2-10s & £12-12s RADIO
25 OF £1 & £12-12s RADIO
500 of 2'6s · · 2,000 RED SEAL "TARGETS" · · · 8,000 "TARGET" PRIZES
1935
C. TAPS
984
SWITCH ON A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Big Double Prizes for "Bullets" in by Saturday, December 15!

AS the result of the sensational Cash-plus-Radio Offer announced to-day, headed by a fine First of £500 cash, not just a few but as many as 50 winners are to receive, in addition to a cash award, a magnificent £12 12s. "Philips" All-mains instrument of the latest type. These elegant sets are guaranteed by their famous makers and will provide an endless source of entertainment for the New Year just ahead.

Congratulations from JOHN BULL to the winner of this week's fine £500 First Prize will be wired on Friday, December 28; soon afterwards those 50 Cash-plus-Radio prizes will be on their way to the homes of the winners. *Why should not one of these big 2-in-1 Awards be yours?*

HOW TO MAKE "BULLETS"

TO make a *Bullet*, read carefully through the *Examples* and jot down each rough idea they bring to your mind. As you do so you will find further comments suggesting themselves; write them all down, for any one of them may prove the basis of a prize *Bullet*.

Your next task is to polish up these first rough jottings into finished *Bullets*. In their final form your efforts must consist of TWO, THREE or FOUR words, neatly fitted to their *Examples*.

Suppose, for instance, the *Example* WISE had attracted your attention. Your first thought might be *Keeping Your Mouth Shut, Often*. After a little consideration this you could readily compress and improve to the typical *Bullet*, WISE—LEAVING GOSSIP NO WISER.

There is a lesson for would-be winners in each of the winning efforts in Competition No. 961 which appear on the previous page. Study carefully the good points of these efforts, noting the apt use of ordinary, everyday words. Then make a start on your own *Bullets* and make sure they reach the judges by Saturday, December 15.

USE THESE "EXAMPLES"

AT BRITANNIA'S PARTY
MODERN CINDERELLA
COMING TO LIGHT
PUZZLES SONNY
FIGHTING PARSON
WITH HIS MONEY
DAD'S RESOLUTION
TO PAY HIS TAXES
THIEVES
WAITS OUTSIDE
TRUE TO TRADITION
IN HOT WATER
PICKING UP
WHEN HE CAME ROUND
WHY MEN FIGHT
JUST LIKE AUNTIE
WISE
JUST AS SHE SAID
WHITE AS SNOW
WHEN THE PLUMBER ARRIVED
TACT
IN HER LATEST
POSSIBLY
SHOWS HE'S NARROW-MINDED
EMPTY POCKET
PICTURE OF HAPPINESS
DAMAGING
SAFELY ACROSS
UP AND UP AND UP
WHY SHE SANG
HARD TO UNDERSTAND
RELIEF FOR EVERYBODY
SAID THE POSTMAN
EXPENSIVE
IN DANGER
TEACHER'S PROBLEM

96 FREE PAGES OF COMPETITION HELP

What do the judges want? How do the big prize-winners make their efforts?

These and scores of other questions you will find answered in "*Bullets*" *Bulletin*, which will also introduce you to a thrilling new £50-a-week *Bullets* Football Contest.

Post off the coupon to-night and receive each Thursday for 12 weeks this eight-page guide to competition success.

Should you wish to use Advertiser's coupon on back of this page, you may send your application for "Bullets Bulletin" on plain paper.

POST THIS COUPON TO-NIGHT!

I enclose P.O. value sixpence (crossed "& Co.," payable to *John Bull*), to cover postage on 12 consecutive issues of "*Bullets*" *Bulletin*, commencing with the next available issue.

NAME ....

ADDRESS ....

....

Post to:—"BULLETIN" DEPT., ODHAMS PRESS LTD.,
30, BEDFORD ST., LONDON, W.C.2.

(Do not send this coupon with "Bullets" entry.)

READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY.

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what, in the opinion of the judges in consultation with the Editor, is the best Bullet received and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness aptness and originality. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.

2. Only two attempts may be written on each coupon and a postal order must be enclosed at the rate of 6d. for each coupon made use of. This must be made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed /& Co./ Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.

3. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry. Employees of Odhams Press Ltd. and their families are not eligible.

The original cheque for £500 awarded to the First Prize-winner in Competition No. 960 will be displayed in the window of Mr. K. H. Wigglesworth, 10, Curzon Road, St. Annes-on-Sea.

ENTRY-FEE.—Enclose a Postal Order with your entry at the rate of 6d. for each Coupon submitted. This should be made payable to "John Bull" and crossed "& Co."

£600 AND 1,934 BIG NEW ATTRACTIONS NEXT WEEK!

EXAMPLE
BULLET
EXAMPLE
BULLET

(984)
Closing SAT., Dec. 15.

P.O. No. ....
I agree to enter in accordance with the rules announced on this page. With 1 Coupon send P.O. for 6d.

Signed ....
Address ....

EXAMPLE
BULLET
EXAMPLE
BULLET

(984)
Closing SAT., Dec. 15.

P.O. No. ....
I agree to enter in accordance with the rules announced on this page. With 2 Coupons send P.O. for 1s.

Signed ....
Address ....

"Bullets" must consist of TWO, THREE or FOUR words.

EXAMPLE
BULLET
EXAMPLE
BULLET

(984)
Closing SAT., Dec. 15.

P.O. No. ....
I agree to enter in accordance with the rules announced on this page. With 3 Coupons send P.O. for 1s. 6d.

Signed ....
Address ....

EXAMPLE
BULLET
EXAMPLE
BULLET

(984)
Closing SAT., Dec. 15.

P.O. No. ....
I agree to enter in accordance with the rules announced on this page. With 4 Coupons send P.O. for 2s.

Signed ....
Address ....

EXAMPLE
BULLET
EXAMPLE
BULLET

(984)
Closing SAT., Dec. 15.

P.O. No. ....
I agree to enter in accordance with the rules announced on this page. With 5 Coupons send P.O. for 2s. 6d.

Signed ....
Address ....

If you wish to send in further "Bullets" you can write them on plain paper.

NEWSAGENTS' PRIZES.—Cheques for £5, £2 and £1 respectively will be paid to the Newsagents from whom the chief winners in "Bullets" No. 984 usually purchase "John Bull."

☛ Address Entry: "Bullets" No. 984, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2 (Comp.)

YOU ARE AS OLD AS YOUR LEGS!

"Oh! my poor Legs."

Bad legs can age you more than any other affliction

KEEP THEM FIT WITH "ELASTO."

How the Leg-Weary are being Made Nimble and Active by this Wonderful New Biological Remedy.

LEG pains soon cease when Elasto is taken. Varicose veins are forgotten and soon become normal, skin troubles clear up, old wounds become clean and healthy and commence to heal, swellings go down, inflammation and irritation are soothed, rheumatism is quickly relieved, and the whole system is braced and strengthened. This is not magic, *although the relief does seem magical*; it is the natural result of revitalised blood and improved circulation brought about by Elasto.

A Good Circulation is the Real Basis of Health!

Elasto is something new to curative science; it is based on the knowledge that muscular weakness, varicose veins, bad circulation, rheumatism, and leg troubles generally, with their numerous developments and widely varied symptoms, are *deficiency diseases*: that in all such conditions there is a lack of certain *vital constituents of the blood.*

Owing to this lack the body is unable to build up the elastic tissue needed to maintain the vein and artery walls and the membranes in a healthy condition, and a state of flabbiness results.

Elasto restores to the blood the vital elements which combine with albumin to form elastic tissue, and thus enables Nature to restore contractility to the relaxed and devitalised fabric of veins, arteries and heart, and so to re-establish normal circulation: *the real basis of sound health.* **Elasto corrects all Circulatory Disorders because it restores muscular tone to the Heart and contractility to the Veins and Arteries, making them as healthy and as sound as ever.**

Every sufferer should know of this wonderful new biological remedy which quickly brings ease and comfort, and creates within the system a new health force; overcoming relaxed conditions, increasing vitality, and bringing into full activity Nature's own laws of healing. Elasto is prepared in tiny tablets *which dissolve instantly* on the tongue, and is the pleasantest, the cheapest, and the most effective remedy ever devised.

For the outlay of a few shillings you can now enjoy the tremendous advantages of this Modern Scientific remedy which has cost thousands of pounds to perfect.

Read What Users of Elasto say—Then Test this Wonderful Remedy Yourself!

"No sign of varicose veins now."

"All signs of phlebitis gone."

"I was suffering from mitral disease and dare not exert myself in any way, but now, thanks to Elasto, my heart is quite sound again."

"My Doctor highly praises Elasto."

"Now walk long distances with ease."

"Elasto has cured my bad legs."

"The stinging sensations I used to get in my left arm and leg (arterio-sclerosis) are quite gone and my general health is much improved."

"Now free from piles."

"Suffered for years from a weak heart, but Elasto cured me."

"Completely cured my varicose ulcers."

"I am now free from pain."

"My skin is as soft as velvet, thanks to Elasto."

"Elasto tones up the system and cures depression."

"As soon as I started taking Elasto I could go about my work in comfort, no pain whatever."

"Varicose veins quickly cured after 12 years of useless bandaging."

"Rheumatoid arthritis gone. I have never felt better."

"Had rheumatism so badly I could hardly walk, but Elasto cured me." Etc.

Elasto
Remedy
ELASTO RESTORES THE NATURAL POWER OF HEALING TO THE BLOOD.
The NEW ERA TREATMENT CO. LTD.
CECIL HOUSE HOLBORN VIADUCT
LONDON E.C.1

Beware of Imitations. Insist on ELASTO.

SEND FOR A GENEROUS SAMPLE FREE

Here is Your Great Opportunity!

SIMPLY fill in the attached Coupon for a Free Sample and a Special Free Booklet fully explaining Elasto, the New Biological Remedy. These, together with copies of recent testimonials, we will gladly send privately, post free. Don't lose another moment! Write for these to-day—NOW, while you think of it! Or send 5s. for a full month's supply (in plain wrapper) and see for yourself what a wonderful difference Elasto makes!!

Not Magic But Acts Like It.

This offer is too good to be missed! ★

The NEW ERA TREATMENT Co., Ltd.
(Dept. 15.B), Cecil House, Holborn Viaduct, London, E.C.

JOHN BULL COUPON

FOR FREE TRIAL SAMPLE OF 'ELASTO' ★

THE NEW ERA TREATMENT Co., Ltd.,
(Dept. 15.B.), Cecil House,
Holborn Viaduct, London, E.C.1.

Please send me Free Sample and Special Free Booklet fully explaining how Elasto, *The Great Blood Revitaliser*, cures through the blood.

NAME..
(Please Print in Capital Letters).

ADDRESS ....

....

....

John Bull, 8.12.34. ....

Don't long for relief—get Elasto and be sure of it!

Printed in Great Britain and Published Weekly by the Proprietors, ODHAMS PRESS LTD., Long Acre, London, W.C.2. Registered at the G.P.O. as a Newspaper. Post free, Inland and Canada, 13s. per annum; all other parts of the world 15s. 2d. per annum. Registered for transmission by Canadian Magazine Post. Agencies for Australia & New Zealand: Gordon & Gotch, Ltd. For South Africa: Central News Agency, Ltd. Agents for Canada: Imperial News Co., Ltd., also Canadian Wholesale Newsdealers' Association, Ltd. For America: International News Co., 131, Varick Street, New York, U.S.A. Also on sale at W. H. Smith & Son, Ltd.'s Bookshops at 71, Boulevard Adolphe Max, Bruxelles, and 248, Rue de Rivoli, Paris, and Messageries Dawson, 13, Rue Albouy, Paris.